

## Practice Record Instructions

### Practice Record Purposes

Each week students will fill out the Practice Record, documenting their practice each day. The Practice Record has several purposes:

- ♫ To help students practice more effectively
- ♫ To help the teacher guide students' practice
- ♫ To provide a record of the way students practice
- ♫ To encourage students to practice more diligently
- ♫ To assist the teacher in determining why a student is/is not progressing as he/she should
- ♫ To help parents know what students should be doing each week
- ♫ To provide a way for the teacher and parents to communicate

### Specific Instructions

- ♫ Be honest! Fill out what you actually do, even if the amount of practice was less than ideal. This will be more beneficial in the long run. Don't "make up" a practice session.
- ♫ Begin the week's record with the day of the lesson. Then finish the end of the week, and wrap back around to the beginning of the week. For example, if your lesson is on Wednesday, begin with Wednesday, finish out the week, and then go back to Sunday on the same page..
- ♫ For each assignment given, (*Technique exercises, Pieces, Theory/written work, and Review*) put an "X" in the box for each day the assignment was completed. If the assignment was only partially completed, put an "/" in the box instead. Multiple assignments may be recorded under each heading. For example, under Pieces, there may be three pieces assigned for the week. Mark an X for each piece that was practiced.
- ♫ At the bottom, on the *Minutes spent practicing* line, record the number of minutes spent practicing.
- ♫ At the bottom, on the *Parents observed practice* line, the parent should put initials in the box for each day the lesson was observed.

### Parents

- ♫ Look for notes from the teacher in the space at the bottom of the page. If you have any comments/questions for the teacher, write those in the space provided.
- ♫ Sign the practice record at the end of the practice week. Your signature indicates that the Practice Record was completed accurately. You do not have to observe every practice session, but be aware of what is going on with your child's practice.
- ♫ If you do observe a practice session, make sure you put your initials in the box for that day of the week. At times the teacher may ask the parent to observe the practice session so many times during the week. This request will be written in the *Notes from Teacher* section. If the teacher requests parental observations, please do everything possible to accommodate that request.