

What to do during the

12_(ish) Days of Christmas Break

Use these practice prompts to help keep your piano skills on point while you enjoy a little break from your normal practice schedule. You can start at number 1 and progress to number 12 or you can go in any order you choose.

1. Memorize one of your Christmas songs or piano pieces. (Color the star)

2. Play three of your most favorite songs in your lesson book. (Color the tree branches)

3. Write the counts for a song in your lesson book, count out loud and play the song 3 times. (Color one strand of garland each time you play.)

4. Pick a tricky spot in your music and practice it 5 times today. (Color an ornament)

5. Practice a song in this order: end, middle, beginning. (Color an ornament)

6. Try to play "Deck the Halls" by ear. Hint: start on G. (Color an ornament)

7. Practice anything you want for 30 minutes today. (Color an ornament)

8. Teach a friend or family member how to play Jingle Bells. (Color an ornament)

9. Circle all the dynamic markings in a song. Play the song 2 times with the *p* sections extra soft and the *f* sections extra loud. (Color an ornament)

10. Divide one of your pieces into smaller sections. Practice each section 2 times in a row. (Color an ornament)

11. Choose a song you haven't learned yet and see if you can learn how to play it all on your own. (Color an ornament)

12. Play all your Christmas songs for a family concert. (Color the tree trunk and base)

