



“Oh, By Golly, Have a Holly Jolly Christmas This Year”

That is just ONE song that we will *not* be doing this year! There are so many holiday songs to choose from, and most of our students will be playing at least four this month. Our “Nutcracker Sweets” will be amazing, with 8 different pieces created for 28 students – playing 54 instruments!

What a special time of year this is, and a wonderful opportunity for music students to learn more about “familiar” songs that their friends all know. With or without religious backgrounds, everyone knows that it’s great to receive gifts, and a lot of us also enjoy *giving* gifts. Sharing our talent is one more gift that we can give and receive – together. More hands and more instruments mean more music!

I’m giving you the **December Calendar** to help with all your busy scheduling. The group rehearsal-lessons that we held in November, were poorly attended. The small groups are usually scheduled with someone who will be there either before or after your regular lesson, and we are ready to practice together now!

*We are down to the fine tuning of playing in a group, and we will need to continue to have get-togethers in my home in December. You will only have 3 regularly scheduled lessons, and then all the other groups are at no charge...I like to include our performance as the official fourth lesson in December. The children are earning prizes for the **most songs played**, the **most instruments played**, **most guests**, **longest student**, **newest student**, and **most rehearsals made!** For the lesson week following the Recital, we will play Christmas music, rhythm instruments, have musical games, refreshments, and gifts for everyone. Winners of the **Coloring Contest** and other contests will receive their prizes!*

Lessons will resume January 4th. We are starting another **Fun with Music Group** for 6 and 7 year olds, for \$50. It is 4 weeks long, and the children will be introduced to all our music groups, percussion/piano, guitar family, string family, and things that you breathe into – like harmonicas, singing, whistling, Piano Horns, flutes, trumpets, and clarinet!

I’m so excited about all the students’ progress! We are SO proud of you and your family!

Merry Christmas! Fred and Laurel Gibson