



**January** – We will start preparing for the Scale Olympics and Spring Recital. It will include playing scales, chords, arpeggios with key signatures. Each student will be given a list of <https://invite.duolingo.com/family-plan/2-F4TW-M5UE-88LM-P3UQ> appropriate level challenges for their instrument. You can earn a Certificate of Achievement, and a Gold Medal or Trophy. Since all music is based on a system of “keys”, the scales and chords of each key “unlock” the music! The Trophies and Medals will be presented at our Spring Recital.

**February** – We will be introducing the classical music of J.S. Bach and friends! We will be learning more about the music that was written for the Harpsichord, Organ, Cello, Violin, Flute, and Guitar, before the Piano was even invented! Each student will be put into an ensemble in preparation for our Spring Recital. We will add an extra practice times each week for these. I will still be teaching during the school break. 😊

**March** – We will be continuing our Classical studies with J.S. Bach and friends in preparation for his birthday on the 21<sup>st</sup>, (and my son and daughter, Jacob and Laurie Faith)! We will also play Marches and Irish music!

**April** – The small groups will continue to rehearse for our final performances Spring Recital on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Soloists will also be featured, duets, trios, quartets, and more. We will sing and play 10 different instruments!

**May** – will be our last month of lessons for the semester, and then there will be:

**June and July** – Join us for Summer Music Camps, with Harp Camp, Keyboard Camp, String Camp, and Guitar Camp. This is a great time to try out a new instrument for a month or two, or to work as a group with what you have already learned – to form a summer “band” or ensemble. We will continue to offer private music lessons on all instruments, and finish our summer programs with a pool party, potluck picnic, and talent show at our neighborhood pool. This year’s theme will be “American Folk Music” and we will be able to play the fiddle, dulcimer, hammered dulcimer, banjo, accordion, harmonica, washboard and spoons!

*Happy New Year! Miss Laurel*