

# Lesson Structure

## Curriculum Layout

KinderBach is divided into Levels. At present, we have 6 Levels of the curriculum. Each Level has 10 weeks worth of teaching divided into 20 lessons. We find 30 weeks or 3 Levels fits comfortably within the school calendar year. The Lesson plans are for your convenience and may be altered, condensed, or otherwise changed to suit your needs. Each lesson plan should take about 15 to 20 minutes. Combine 2 lessons into one weekly lesson of about 45 minutes, and you will still have 30 weeks of material.

## Lesson Plans

Each lesson the activity pages are available in PDF form to print in advance. KinderBach has a purpose for every activity presented. Nothing is just 'filler'. For the parent's benefit, the objective of each workbook page is described in point form. Materials needed for each lesson are listed so you can gather them before starting the lesson.

Select optional teaching aids are suggested and available, if you want to enhance the lesson or have more than one child participating.

## Up and Down

Young children need to move. It helps keep their attention and separates activities. Sometimes kids just need a break from a concentration time. KinderBach lessons are not a 'sit at the piano' music lesson. In keeping with that philosophy, we have altered "Up" activities like standing to sing, action songs and playing the piano with "Down" activities like playing rhythm, coloring, page work and hearing instructions. The notation has more to do with energy level than actual physical pose. It still helps to accomplish the different energy by changing position from standing or playing piano (Up) to sitting on the floor or at a table (Down) so please follow the recommended moves in the lesson plan. These suggestions are not for comfort or ease but for the optimal presentation and understanding for the students. They need it.

## Hello and Good Bye

Standing to sing an opening and closing song defines music time from the rest of the day. Playing the KinderBach song or singing "Hello My Friend" initiates the class. Singing "So Long Now" or "Music Time is Over" wraps up the lesson. Young children need these kinds of prompts to frame a particular time. It only takes a couple of minutes but it gives routine and a transition time for kids change their focus. A note for 'Hello' and 'Bye' is included in each session. If you plan to cover more than one session at a time, please disregard the extra songs.

## Becoming Familiar

KinderBach is designed for young children. The content is aimed at the starting age of 3.5 years old. That target is an average age. Some children are ready earlier and some later. Parents know their children and they are the best at evaluating whether a child is ready. We do not assume that children this young know all the nursery rhymes or common songs of our culture. The "Becoming Familiar" songs are there for this reason. We will be using the songs in some fashion in upcoming lessons and the students simply need to be familiar with the tunes. We will also use this feature to introduce new original melodies that will be played in future lessons.