



Music Teaching Matters

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Welcome to **Music Teaching Matters** - ideas and inspirations for your summer reflections from Teach Music 21C.



I've come to understand that involving parents in their child's musical journey works best when music teachers are sensitive to the various values, priorities, and background parents bring forward. So - How can music teachers be the teachers parents can depend on? There's lots to explore in fine tuning the answers to this question. [Read more](#) in this final instalment on parental involvement.

Hope your summer is going well,
Merlin B. Thompson
Creator & Founder of Teach Music 21C

Communication

How would you describe your communication style?

Direct? Sensitive? Informative? Unsure?

Would you like to know more about effective communication?

Teach Music 21C Certification can help you with concrete tools.

Lifelong Music Making

Let's fill our teaching with awareness, gratitude, and inspiration.
Be thankful for students' willingness to explore music this week, next week, and the months and years to come.

Teach with the hope that music making will become the lifelong treasure we've all come to know for ourselves.

TM21C Community

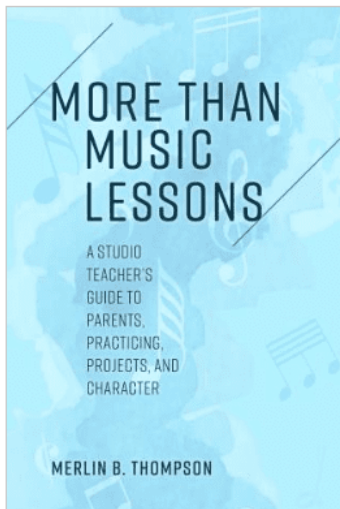
Music teaching can be an isolating profession whether you're just starting out or you've been teaching for decades. We are a welcoming community of interactive teachers. We'd love to have you join in our ongoing conversations.



The Chill Out Summer

What can music students do when they're bored with summer holidays? As an alternative to playing video games or complaining to their parents, Chilling Out with their instrument is a great way to reinforce why students are learning to sing or play a musical instrument. The benefits lasts much longer than just the summer months!

"More than Music Lessons"



Here's a Teaching Tip from Chapter 4:
Meaningful Conversations -

Make time to proactively address parents' concerns.

1. Be ready with your thoughts on important topics.
2. Be ready to listen.

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Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, July 16, 10-11 a.m. MST

Idea of the Month Webinar. This session is devoted to Your Music Teaching Questions. Sign up [here](#) and submit your questions. Thanks!

TM21C Certification August Schedule

[CLICK HERE](#) to register for Certification in its most condensed format. Our **August cohort** (Wed., Thurs., Fri., Mon., Tues.) is scheduled to meet your needs. The 5 one-hour modules take place Wednesday August 14, Thursday August 15, Friday August 16, Monday August 19, and Tuesday August 20. Sign up today. The August schedule is just weeks away.

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