



Music Teaching Matters

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Welcome to the **New Year's Edition** of **Music Teaching Matters**: resources and inspiration from Teach Music 21C.



Happy New Year music teachers!

Standing on the 2025 doorstep, it's a timely moment to consider how music teachers guide our students' musical development. This year, I'm inspired by a remarkable trio of life skills: persistence, excellence, and reflection. It's so amazing to consider how these three qualities play fundamental roles in our students' musical development. [Read more...](#)

Best wishes for a happy and musical 2025!

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Three Simple Steps

1. We all get better at what we practice.
2. Everything we do is a result of practice at a certain point.
3. Reflection is the key to sorting what works from what doesn't work.

Thoughts on Habits

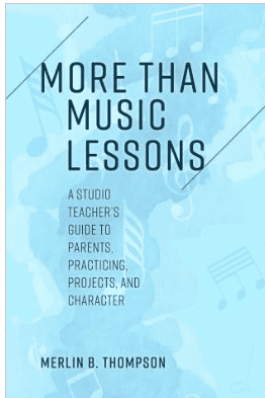
Music teacher habits benefit from being reviewed from time to time - like the beginning of a new year.

Which habits have increased in importance and need your deliberate focus over the next year?

Which habits are no longer serving you well and need to

be replaced next year?

Recommended Reading



Are you looking for a great way to start the new year? Then pick up your copy of "More than Music Lessons" and check out a couple of pages here and there. You'll find gems of teaching insight scattered throughout the entire book. Get your own copy [HERE](#).

Music is Our Mission

If music teachers don't tell the world about the many glories of music making, who on earth will?

Mistakes are Part of the Journey

Music teachers need to put in the work to understand and implement what works well.

Music teachers may not know the best solutions prior to making a ton of mistakes.

TM21C Certification



Our January Start Date (January 13) is just around the corner. Here's what we'll help you feel more comfortable with -

- * Trying **new things**.
- * Working with **diverse students**.
- * Solving **perennial problems**.
- * Inspiring **excellence**.
- * Teaching **real life students**.

We can't wait for you to join our community!
Get 2025 off to an excellent start!

[Click here to Register NOW!](#)

On Sharing

Music teachers multiply the value of what we know about music, learning, and life when we share what we know with others.

There are neither limits nor expiry dates on sharing.

Upcoming Dates

January 7: 10-11 a.m. Calgary time

"Let's Reconnect with Merlin Webinar"

January 9: 10-11 a.m. Calgary time

"The Chill Out Concert" - Presentation for Calgary ARMTA

January 10: 10:45 a.m. Saskatchewan time

"What I Wish I'd Known from the Start" - Presentation for West Central Branch of the SRMTA.

January 13

Start date for the next Certification program

Register [TODAY](#) and reserve your place. Spots are limited.

January 14: 10-11 a.m. Calgary time

"Keeping Track of Progress" - Presentation for Edmonton ARMTA

January 16: 10-11 a.m. Calgary time

Idea of the Month. Register [HERE](#).

Questions, Thoughts

Do you have questions?

Would you like more info?

How about chatting with Merlin Thompson?

Schedule your **Conversation with Merlin** [HERE](#).

It's 100% FREE.

What about ideas or thoughts you'd like to share? SEND me a message!



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