

Share: Fun Ways to Keep Playing This Summer

For Group Classes

Piano World Cup

- Turn the classroom into an international music tournament. Students join teams representing countries from the World Cup or the home countries of their favorite video game composers. Possible event stations:
 - Rhythm Relay
 - Scale Sprint
 - Sight Reading Shootout
 - Ear Training Penalty Kicks
 - Chord Construction Challenge
 - Improvisation Freestyle
 - Ensemble Passing Drill
- Students rotate through stations earning: goals, medals, rhythm trophies, “golden note” stickers, or quest points.
- Consider creative extensions where teams design flags, create musical chants, compose a team anthem, or use scarves and movement between stations.

For Private Lessons

Game On: Piano Edition

- Play the *Piano Practice Quest* game board (pp. 10–11) to transform summer practicing into an interactive musical adventure.
- Students may choose a “quest piece” such as [The Star-Spangled Banner](#) (p. 3) or another favorite summer selection while completing musical missions, earning challenge points, and designing their own game pieces or custom dice.

Summer Practice Quest

- After reading page 28 and learning about Isata Kanneh-Mason, discuss how pianists build skills through creativity and consistent practice. Invite students to create a *Summer Practice Quest* filled with musical goals and “level-up” challenges for the summer.
 - Learning a new piano piece
 - Listening to music from around the world
 - Performing for a retirement home or community event
 - Organizing a mini recital for family or friends
 - Composing an original piece
 - Teaching a younger student a song
 - Recording and sharing a performance
 - Creating music for a community project or fundraiser.

Read Cathy Albergo’s article “[What Music Games and Activities Do Your Students Like the Most? Part II](#)” in *Piano Magazine* (Keyboard Companion, Summer 1994; Vol. 5, No. 2) for further ideas on music games, group challenges, creative competition, and interactive activities that motivate students through play-based learning and musical teamwork.

TEACHER RESOURCES

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