## Piano Learning Center **Keyboard Puzzles**



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My students love putting these keyboard puzzles together. It helps them learn the arrangement of the keys. They would even stay after their piano lesson to do these keyboard puzzles several times.

Winner of the 2013 Piano Learning Center Contest!

Age Range: Preschool and Elementary School Students, Beginners to Intermediate

**Preparation:** Contact a music store that repairs and rebuilds pianos and ask them to sell or donate two octaves of old piano keys starting at middle C or any C. (My keys were obtained from a broken piano at a university.)

With a black magic marker or stickers, cover the individual numbers on each key, so the students can't put them together numerically.

## **Beginner Piano Keyboard Game:**

- Scramble the five keys for C through E
- Have the student assemble the keys in the correct order.
- Reinforce the names of each key when completed.
- On the studio piano, have the student find all the matching keys up and down the piano keyboard.

Picture #1: c-d-e



Picture #2: f-g-a-b



Repeat the same sequence for the seven keys for F through B.

## Piano Keyboard Game for students who know all the notes:

Scramble ALL the keys in a pile.

- Time each student as they assemble the keys and record their times.
- Award a prize to the student who has the shortest time.

Picture #3: All the keys together



