

Christmas Break Bingo

To prepare to perform a piece for your family, do jumping jacks to raise your heart rate and practice playing through a piece without stopping for any mistakes	Perform any piece you learned this semester (and still know well) for a family member or friend	Use your LH (or a family member or friend) to play dotted-half notes stepping down from A to E, improvise on ABCDE (or just CDE) thinking of "Carol of the Bells" as your inspiration	Figure out any part of a Christmas carol by ear	Listen to any track from the Steinway Christmas album and fill out a listening worksheet
Make your own melody using the rhythm from the first line of "Silent Night"	Perform a Christmas song for a family member or friend	Practice in the car—pretend to play one of your pieces in your lap in the car. Can you hear all of the notes in your head? Force yourself to remember as much of your piece as you can.	Listen to the "Hallelujah Chorus" by George F. Handel, this is the last movement of the Christmas section of his oratorio "The Messiah"	Find a fun fact—Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky composed The Nutcracker. With a parent's help, find one or two fun facts about Tchaikovsky online.
Make up a jingle bells improvisation. Use repeated high notes to sound like jingling bells.	Listen to any track from the Steinway Christmas and fill out a listening worksheet	Listen to any dance from the Nutcracker ballet and draw a picture to go with it	With a family member or friend take turns clapping the rhythm (don't hum or sing) to Christmas songs. The goal is for the person listening to be able to guess what you are clapping.	Perform a Christmas song for a family member or friend
Listen to any movement of Handel's Messiah other than the "Hallelujah Chorus." Fill out a listening worksheet as you listen.	Listen to any dance from the Nutcracker ballet and either tell a story to go with it or make up your own dance to go with it	Find a fun fact—George F. Handel composed the famous oratorio Messiah. With a parent's help, find one or two fun facts about Handel online.	Make up a melody using the rhythm "Oh, Christmas tree, oh, christmas tree, how lovely are your branches"	Make a sound story about a snowy winter day using the piano and/or percussion effects
Review a piece you really like but haven't played in a while	Make a sound story for what your family does on Christmas morning using high/low, loud/soft, short/long on the piano	Perform any piece you learned this semester (and still know well) for a family member or friend	See a live musical performance (or listen to one of your siblings perform, give them some positive feedback :))	Teach someone in your family one concept or skill you learned in lessons recently (e.g. finger numbers, where D is on the piano, what a step looks like on the staff, etc.)