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## **SUMMER FUN MUSIC**

by White House of Music



School's out for summer! Band, orchestra, and WSMA are all done. Now could be a great time to really focus on new things, which is great, but it's summer! Fun should be had in lessons too. One of our favorite things to do with students in the summer is to have them play something fun of their choice or something you feel would be fun for them that is around their level.

Fun music is a great way for students to challenge themselves with music they have always wanted to play. This not only makes practice a fun summer activity, but it usually also challenges them to learn new notes, rhythms, and techniques. Some examples of fun music are Harry Potter, Disney, video game music, Star Wars, and cool riffs from favorite bands. You could use this fun music in place of a main piece, as an extra piece, or in place of an etude.

Another fun thing to do is duets – any duets. Get two students (bonus if they're already friends) around the same level together and have them play a duet at a couple of lessons. Lots of giggling ensues and we all have a great time.

Fun music doesn't have to mean easy. Lots of students will take the challenge when the song or piece is something they really want to play. Remember, there are plenty of fun music books at all locations. Let summer and the fun begin!

Check out any White House of Music Location to find some new music!