

Cornerstones: The Philosophy of *Music Mind Games*

- 1 Without assuming any prior knowledge, believe that every student is brilliant and can learn
- 2 Provide students with the right environment for learning and they will reveal great ability and intelligence
- 3 Believe that joyous and satisfying learning is a natural part of life
- 4 Successful learning occurs in many small steps rather than a few big steps
- 5 If students seem confused, it means more repetitions or a different approach is needed
- 6 Happy and relaxed students will hardly realize they are learning because they are having so much fun
- 7 Students remember best what they experience for themselves
- 8 Help students feel successful and they will want to discover more
- 9 Allow students to learn by providing interesting materials to challenge them without overwhelming them
- 10 Strive to be kind, generous and encouraging since mistakes are a natural part of learning
- 11 Develop an endless capacity to improvise and create situations that help all students succeed
- 12 Be cheerful, a bit of an entertainer and have fun yourself
- 13 Be kind, respectful and preserve everyone's dignity by not embarrassing anyone. When students don't know an answer, guide them with useful information
- 14 Maintain a quick pace to interest and challenge students since they are capable of learning quickly
- 15 Help students to learn the concepts first, then commit them to memory through repetition
- 16 Remember that the true objectives of teaching are to inspire a love of learning and to help students to learn and remember well



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Cornerstones for Students

- 1 You are brilliant and can learn anything
- 2 Be brave, try new ideas and you will learn many wonderful things
- 3 Learning new things can be really fun
- 4 Small, successful steps are a normal way to learn
- 5 Is something confusing? Your teacher can show you again or try another way
- 6 It's easier to learn when you're happy
- 7 Do it yourself and you'll remember the best
- 8 Wait quietly for other students to figure out answers for themselves
- 9 Neat materials make it easier to learn
- 10 Mistakes are a natural part of learning something new
- 11 Keep your spirits up and be positive about yourself
- 12 Do you learn better if your teacher is cheerful? You sure do
- 13 Be kind and respectful to other students and to your teacher who's helping you
- 14 Be enthusiastic and bright so your teacher knows you are learning
- 15 Can't remember yet? No worries, just play a game again and again
- 16 Your teacher wants to help you learn and learn for keeps

