# Keyboard Explorers
# Class Level Guide

## Ages 5–7

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### LEVEL 1

**BOOK**    Faber's My First Piano Adventure, Lesson/Writing Book A

**STUDENTS WILL LEARN**
- Playing posture & basic finger/wrist techniques
- Steady beat & basic rhythms (long & short)
- Pitch (high & low)
- 2- and 3-black key groups
- Basic dynamics (forte & piano)
- Simple songs

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### LEVEL 2

*Prerequisites: Completion of Level 1 within six months of the start of the Level 2 class **OR** recommendation by the Program Liaison for students with prior musical background that have not taken the Level 1 class. Email **classes@omahacm.org** for class placement.*

**BOOK**    Faber's My First Piano Adventure, Lesson/Writing Book A

**STUDENTS WILL LEARN**
- Playing posture & proper piano technique
- Steady beat & rhythms (quarter note, half note, whole note)
- Treble clef & bass clef
- White keys
- Music alphabet
- Measures
- Grand staff
- Basic dynamics (forte & piano)
- Simple songs

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### LEVEL 3

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**BOOK**   Faber's My First Piano Adventure, Lesson/Writing Book B

**STUDENTS WILL LEARN**

- Playing posture & proper piano technique
- Steady beat & rhythms (quarter note, half note, whole note, dotted half note, eighth note)
- Rhythm exercises (writing & sight-reading)
- Alternating between Treble Clef & Bass Clef
- Music alphabet (bass A to treble E)
- Measures
- Grand staff, directional note-reading (steps) on the staff
- Playing positions & 5-finger scales (middle C & C position)
- Basic dynamics (forte & piano)
- Time signatures (3/4 and 4/4)
- Simple songs

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