



Lesson 14

Today in Class



Today Scott Joplin introduced us to "STEPS". We learned that STEPS are when you play one key next to the other using one finger next to another! It's difficult! We learned to do it with one hand, then the other hand and then BOTH hands! We also learned about the "MUSICAL ALPHABET". The musical alphabet is very easy because it's so short. A, B, C, D, E, F, G. That's all! Then it repeats!

This Week at Home

- Review the lesson with Mr. Scott Joplin and listen to his "Maple Leaf Rag". Get up and move around! Mr. Joplin's music makes me want to dance!
- Teach the "Musical Alphabet" to your adults.
- Work on playing STEPS. Place your thumb on its side on "Middle C" and place the rest of your fingers on their tippy toes on the neighbor keys. Check your ant tunnel!
- Play each finger one at a time BUT keep your beautiful hand position and don't squish any ants!
- Try this with each hand and then you can try putting both thumbs at the same time on "Middle C" and carefully placing the rest of your fingers on the neighboring keys. Don't miss any keys and check your ant tunnel.
- Miss Melody will help you with this. She will also show you an even trickier way to play one finger at a time while keeping your hand in a nice position.
- There's a new game for you in the Games Room! This time your job is to help put the toys in the toy box. The crane will stack up the blocks with letter names on them. When you see which block is missing, play that letter on your COMPUTER KEYBOARD (not your piano keyboard). For example if the block with the letter "B" is missing, find "B" on your computer typing keyboard and play it. Then the crane will know which block to find. This will be easy and fun if you get your adult to help you the first time.