

# The Secret Ingredient for Piano Teaching Success: The Powerful Role of Parents

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## The Three E's

- Engage
- Educate
- Encourage

## Parent Practice Workshops/Retreats

## Parent Mentor Programs

## Parent Book Clubs

## Mid-Week Student Video Check-Ins

## Selected List of Strategies, Activities, and Resources

- Piano Safari Practice Strategies
- Practice Packs
- Dice (fuzzy or otherwise)
- Focus Cards
- Colored Paper Clips
- Practice Beads
- Practice Bracelets
- Secret Practice Envelopes
- Check-Lists or Boxes
- Bean Jar
- Popsicle Stick Practice
- Decide Now App
- Video Analysis
- YouTube Channel
- Practice Partners
- *Shhh...Your Piano Teacher Thinks This is Practice*

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- [www.88pianokeys.me](http://www.88pianokeys.me)
- [www.colorinmypiano.com](http://www.colorinmypiano.com)
- [www.susanparadis.com](http://www.susanparadis.com)
- [www.suzukiassociation.org](http://www.suzukiassociation.org)
- [www.youlovepiano.com/blog](http://www.youlovepiano.com/blog)

## Practice Apps or Online Notebooks

Collabra: <http://collabramusic.com>

Tonara: <https://tonara.com>

Cadenza: <https://www.cadenzamusictool.ca>

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