

Practice Project 5: Penny Jar

Supplies Needed:

- Clear Jar
- Supply of pennies

No advance preparation needed.

Instructions for Implementing Penny Jar Practice Project:

For this practice project, students will add pennies to their class jar. How much can they fill their jar in the coming weeks? Consider choosing a charity to donate their earnings to at the end of the project. Though pennies of course will amount to a very small donation, your students will have little concept of this. Don't enlighten them on this fact, and instead emphasize how great it is to be able to help others with their earnings.

In order to add a penny to the jar, a student must play each item on the assignment twelve times over the course of the week. Piano Detectives Club assignments encourage students to practice each item three times on four days. However, do not penalize students if their practice routines look differently while still yielding the required amount of practice. Award pennies in this way:

- 4 days (or 12 times for each item): 1 penny
- 5 days (or 15 times for each item): 2 pennies
- 6 days (or 18 times for each item): 3 pennies
- 7 days (or 21 times for each item): 4 pennies

Celebrate your students' practice achievements and the way that their efforts combine to fill the jar deeper and deeper. Be sure to praise their practice accomplishments with emphasis on how much their practice will positively impact their playing!