

Practice Project 6: Paper Chain

Supplies Needed:

- A supply of paper (Note: you can think creatively about your paper source! Ordinary colored paper will create a vibrant paper chain. Using old piano music or photocopies of common domain music scores can create a fun, musical decoration for your studio.)
- Scissors or other paper cutter
- Stapler, tape, or adhesive for securing paper chain links.

Instructions for Preparing Paper Chain Practice Project:

1. Cut the paper you have chosen into strips approximately 2 inches x 8.5 inches.
2. Identify a place in your classroom, either along one wall or hanging from the ceiling, for the paper chain to be located.

Instructions for Implementing Paper Chain Practice Project:

For this practice project, students will add links to a paper chain. How long can they make their class chain in the coming weeks?

In order to add a link to the paper chain, 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 paper chain links in this way:

- 4 days (or 12 times for each item): 1 paper chain link
- 5 days (or 15 times for each item): 2 paper chain links
- 6 days (or 18 times for each item): 3 paper chain links
- 7 days (or 21 times for each item): 4 paper chain links

Celebrate your students' practice achievements and the way that their efforts combine to create a longer and longer paper chain. Be sure to praise their practice accomplishments with emphasis on how much their practice will positively impact their playing!