

***Eight Elementary Techniques that Help Students Build A Solid Foundation For the Future***

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Abbreviations: Beg-Beginner, Elem-Elementary, Int-Intermediate, Adv-Advanced  
E-Early, L-Late

1. Finger and arm weight
  - *When I'm Blue* from *Little Gems for Piano* by Paula Dreyer (L-Beg)
  - *Minuet in C Major* K. 6 by W. A. Mozart (Elem)
  - *Ivan Sings* from *Children's Album Vol. 1* by A. Khachaturian (Int)
  - *Goldberg Variation* BWV 988: *Variation 1* by J. S. Bach (Adv)
2. Staccato
  - *Robots* from *In My Dreams* by Anne Gaudet (Elem) – RCM Celebration Series Level 1
  - *Jeering Song* from *For Children* by B. Bartok (Int)
  - *Sonatina (1959)* 1<sup>st</sup> movement by A. Khachaturian (E-Adv)
3. Two-note and three-note slurs
  - *Leap on Lily pads* from *Little Gems for Piano* by Paula Dreyer (L-Beg)
  - *Minuet in C Major* K. 6 by W. A. Mozart (Elem)
  - *Toy Soldiers March* op. 108, no. 8 by Dianne Rahbee (Elem) – RCM Celebration Series Level 1
  - *Agitato* op. 109, no. 8 by Burgmuller (L-Int)
4. Wrist rotation: legato playing
  - *Waltz* op. 39, no. 13 by D. Kabalevsky (Elem)
  - *Ballade* op. 100, no. 15 by Burgmuller (Int)
  - *For Elise* WoO 59 by Beethoven (L-Int)
5. Forearm rotation
  - *Etude in C Major* op. 261, no. 3 by Czerny (Elem)
  - *Sonatina in F Major* op. 168, no. 1, 1<sup>st</sup> movement by A. Diabelli (Int)
  - *Sonatina in G Major* op. 36, no. 2, 3<sup>rd</sup> movement by M. Clementi (Int)
  - *Goldberg Variation* BWV 988: *Variation 5* by J. S. Bach (Adv)
  - *Fantasie in C minor* K. 475 by W. A. Mozart (Adv)
6. Coordination and balance: playing accompaniment and voicing
  - *Etude in D minor* op. 82, no. 65 by C. Gurlitt (Elem)
  - *Soldier's March* op. 68, no.2 by R. Schumann (Elem)

- *Autumn Sketch* from *Lyrical Preludes in Romantic Style* by W. Gillock (Int)
- *Happy Farmer* op. 68, no. 10 by R. Schumann (Int)

7. Playing octaves

- *Ecossaise in G Major WoO 23* by Beethoven (Elem)
- *Musette in D Major BWV Anh 126.* by J. S. Bach (E-Int)
- *Clowns* op. 39, no. 20 by D. Kabalevsky (E-Int)

8. Scales

- *Baseball Practice* from *All Year Round* by Linda Niamath (Elem) – RCM Celebration Series Level 2
- *The Knight Errant* op. 100, no. 25 by Burgmuller (Int)
- *Piano Sonata in C Major K. 545, 1<sup>st</sup> movement* by W. A. Mozart (Adv)