

Here a few online resources you can look into. These just scratch the surface of what is available, but they are the programs that have most intrigued me. Disclaimer: I haven't personally tried any of them, so I am not endorsing or vouching for them, just sharing what is available. They do represent an initial investment, but they are considerably less than private lessons, and can be used for more than one child. For links to these programs, and video introductions when available, go to <http://www.teaching-children-music.com/2012/02/online-or-product-alternatives-to.html>

Kinderbach

Piano Online or DVD program for young children. Most lessons include coloring pages.

Piano Wizard

Designed like a video game, lessons are done on an electric keyboard plugged into the computer. Colored stickers are placed on the piano. I have a friend who highly recommends this program.

Soft Mozart

Soft Mozart also has a video game element to it. Instead of colored keys, the stickers have pictures to help you learn solfege, ie, a door for "Do", etc. Note that this teaches children fixed do, instead of moveable do, which is more often used in the states.

Little Musician

This product is not available yet, but I have been on the Beta testing team and I think it's going to be great. This program will be geared towards babies, toddlers and preschoolers, and echos the philosophy of Glenn Doman.

Taneda Method

Ear-training course that teaches young children perfect pitch.

Piano for Life

A DVD piano series for older children that mimics classical education. It is a theory-based course, where you learn how to build chords, and then how incorporate that knowledge into your playing.

Simply Music

A method that teaches you to play by ear first, then how to read music. The idea is that you should learn how to talk before you learn how to read. This program has won various homeschool awards.

Piano for Preschoolers

A color-coded piano course for young students. I love that it doesn't involve putting stickers on the piano keys.

Free Homeschool Music Curriculum

<http://thepianostudent.wordpress.com/2008/07/06/free-homeschool-music-curriculum-woo-hoo/>