



Learn piano on computer

Allegro Rainbow has created a novel way of teaching kids (and adults) how to play the piano. With Piano Wizard Premier, kids learn to play piano by playing a video game on the computer using an attached keyboard as the controller.

Traditional music programs usually start by teaching kids how to read music. But in this game, kids play music first and then learn musical notation.

You hook the digital piano keyboard to your computer, using a USB port. Then select a song from 200 offered. When the song starts, game characters glide up from the bottom of the computer screen onto a virtual keyboard with colored keys. When a character passes over a colored key on the screen's virtual keyboard, you push the corresponding colored key on your keyboard. If your timing is right, you hear a tone and earn points.

Piano Wizard costs \$199.95. See www.pianowizard.com. ■