

## Lia Thakar Private Piano Teacher

When I was a small child, I played/banged on my grandma's piano because the sounds enthralled me. My parents noticed my interest and asked if I would like piano lessons for my eighth birthday. I excitedly said, "Yes!!!" After hearing about the amazing Ms. Kirsten from our neighbors, my parents enrolled me in the Phoenix Feather Kids and Keyboard Program.

The class began slowly, and I enjoyed learning the songs. As I improved, and the songs became more complicated, it was sometimes difficult to juggle the written piano homework and daily piano practices with academics, sports and activities. I fell behind at times and struggled with scales, sight reading and learning the songs. I eventually learned to streamline my practicing to be more efficient and I caught up on everything and actually thrived! When I was 13 years old, I graduated from the Purple Book.



I have a passionate love of music, with melodies and songs constantly playing in my head. I currently take private lessons with Mr. Nick, where I enjoy playing and composing all types of piano music and singing while playing the piano. In addition, I play the violin and participate in the orchestra program at Trabuco Hills High School. When I am not playing my piano or violin, I love to play soccer, run, read, and paint.

Because of my experience with the Kids and Keyboard program, and with all of the other music lessons in my life, I completely understand how students feel when they are struggling, and I know lots of little tricks to make practicing go more smoothly. I am excited to help students at Phoenix Feather grow as musicians!