

## *SoS Teaching Tip*

### *Little Finger 5 Note scales and Basic Scales*



Where to find: Little finger 5 Note Scales- Primer Piano      Basic Scales- Level 2 Piano

Use these scale sheets to introduce young students to the keys and key signatures.

Here we have used a report cover and sheet protectors to create a scale book for students.

With the Little fingers 5 Note Scale page, instruct students to recite the scale information before playing each of the scales. These are written with the 5 finger position only. Good posture, keeping the fingers curved and the wrists and arms in the correct position all start here.

This is a good way to begin a lesson. Once the scale is mastered they can put a sticker beside the scale and move to the next one. Stress the notes are to be played and an even and steady tempo. When lesson songs are played ask what key is this music in?

Basic Scales are for students as they progress. Have the student play each hand separately mastering the correct fingering before playing the scales with both hands. Observe the correct fingering for the cadence chords and teach the students the chord names with in the scale. Explain that these chords and fingering positions are in many of the songs they play. As they learn to recognize there chords they will know the basic fingering positions they have learned here, making it easier to play and sight read new music. When lesson songs are played ask what key is this music in?