

Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to having your children in the Violin Ensemble class starting Monday! We understand some of the students are also in Chamber Orchestra, and will only be joining us for the last 60-90 minutes.

Things to Bring

1. Your violin, shoulder rest, and rosin
2. Suzuki Violin School Vol. 1 (also known as Suzuki Book 1)
3. Suzuki Violin School Vol. 2, if your child has played pieces from it (also known as Suzuki Book 2)
4. Yoga mat, if you have one available to use

Suzuki Book & Concert

Please make sure your child brings Suzuki Violin School Vol. 1. If your child is playing pieces from Vol. 2 and above, please also have them bring Vol. 2. **Please make sure to write your child's name on the book(s) and on your instrument case.** We will be going through a lot of pieces from these two books, and we will be performing some of them at the Saturday, June 29th concert, which starts at 11am. **If you do not have Suzuki books, please let us know.**

Yoga Mat

Also, if you have a yoga mat, it would be greatly appreciated if you could bring one in. We will be in the Dance Studio with all wooden floors and no shoes, so many children prefer to stand on a softer surface. You may leave your yoga mat in the Dance Studio for the week, but please make sure you have your name on it.

Things to know for the first day

On the first day of class, we are anticipating to play through the following pieces (do not need to be memorized nor perfect, but if you do have them memorized and at a high performance level, that is great!):

Twinkle Variation A & Theme

Lightly Row

Song of the Wind

Allegro

Minuet No. 1

Chorus from "Judas Maccabaeus"

About the class

Aside from going through Suzuki songs, we will be going over concepts such as tone production, scales/arpeggios, music theory, music history, music appreciation, and music and movement. Please ask your child about what they learned in class each day, as that helps your child retain information!

Please also review the Festival Information page that was sent out earlier this week:
<https://www.summermusicfestival.us/festival-student-information.html>

Sincerely,
Mrs. Wie and Ms. Franke