



Young Strings Syllabus

Class Description: The Young String Class is a beginning level string instrument class designed for the pre-kindergarten through third grade student. The class requires parent participation. The repertoire chosen and performed will demonstrate the concepts and process in learning the stringed instrument.

Student Expectations: Student/Parent team need to bring their instruments, music, and a pencil to class every week. Student/Parent team is expected to practice their instrument throughout the week. To receive credit for this class, you are expected to complete the following:

Attend class each week at the scheduled time: each class includes a 20 minute group lesson and a 15 minute private lesson or the student/parent team.

Practice at home 5 days during the week for a minimum of 15 minutes.

Grading: Grades for this class, and will be based on the following criteria:

- Class participation, preparation, behavior & attendance will be 40%.
- Concert participation/attendance will be 30%.
- Assessments – both formal (announced performance test) and informal (assessment that occurs as I am listening throughout class/rehearsal/performances) will be 20%.
- Practice records will be 10%.

Grades are based on the demonstration of the improvement or growth in a student's musical skills. All of our students are talented, but growth occurs when these talents are developed and refined.

Required Performances/Concerts:

- December Concert
- May Concert

Course Calendar:

Unit 1, Class weeks 1-13 – Focus: basic posture, bow hand/bow hold and open string songs to be demonstrated in the music of the music for the December Concert.

Unit 2, Class weeks 14-23 – Focus: Refine bow technique, work on using all fingers on two strings in addition to reviewing Unit 1.

Unit 3, Class weeks 24-33 – Focus: Using fingers on next two strings and continuing the refinement of Unit 1 & 2 concepts as will be demonstrated in the music for the May Concert.

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