

First Grade Violin Week 11

Jan. 13-19, 2008

.....VIOLIN NOTES.....

This week we are learning even more about putting the left hand up to the violin, so that soon we can use fingers. Please see the back for correct left hand placement. It's important to hold the violin right so that one day you can have fast fingers!

.....PRACTICE ASSIGNMENT.....

PLACE LEFT HAND (see back) and then do these two songs:

Mumbly Mice: Carefully raise the left hand to the violin, so the neck rests between the straight thumb and the base joint of the index finger (see above diagram). The hand goes behind the first fingertape. There should be a space underneath: do not smash the ladybugs! Place the first finger on the 1 tape, the second finger on the 2 tape, the third finger on the 3 tape and the fourth finger on the 4 tape. Each time a finger goes down, it should make a quiet little noise like a mouse. Then lift them up one by one: 4, 3, 2, 1. Repeat!

Bunny Song (sing and play!)
(on E) Bunny ears are pink pink
(on A) Bunny nose is pink pink
(on E) Bunny paws are pink pink
(on A) Bunny tail is pink pink
(strum with left pinkie) PINK!

SING with hand motions:

V-V-Violin
V-V violin, V-V- violin
Happy face, happy face
Curve your little fingers, curve your little fingers
Thumb is straight, thumb is straight.

Rabbit Habitat (see last week's handout)

REVIEW several old things a day:

Irish Jig

other song on <http://www.violinist.com/mckinley>

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PLACING THE LEFT HAND

This week we are just beginning to use the left hand on the violin. It should not grab or hold the violin, but the violin should rest between the thumb and the hand, leaving a little “V” underneath, like so.

I've told the children that two ladybugs are having a picnic in this little space in their hands under the violin, and they should not smash the ladybugs. They should be able to tell you all about this! ;)

STEP BY STEP:

How to Raise the Left Hand to the Violin:

1. Make a skinny “V” between the thumb and side of hand.
2. With hand straight up, place the “V” under the violin.
3. The “V” goes behind the 1-tape (between the 1-tape and the scroll)
4. The violin does NOT rest in the crook of the hand, there should be room underneath for that ladybug picnic.

How to Place Fingers

1. There are four tapes on the fingerboard, one for each finger.
2. After raising the left hand to the violin, place the 1 finger on the 1-tape
3. Fingers should go down on the finger tips
4. Fingers should be curved