

First Grade Violin Week 15

Feb. 10 - Feb. 16, 2008

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

You may be wondering, what happened to all those great e-mails and new videos from Mrs. Niles? Did she take me off the e-mail list? Of course not! But I did get a little behind, please accept my apologies. I hope to get videos of the Leprauchan Song, Musical Alphabet, Kangaroo Song, etc. VERY SOON! So check your e-mail inbox in the next few days!

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

This week we are continuing to learn to use our left-hand fingers on the violin. Our new song this week is the Kangaroo Song. Please keep reviewing the Leprauchan Song, and how to raise the left hand to the violin and how to place fingers. Here are some pointers!

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

Kangaroo Song

(on E string, no fingers)

Kangaroos can hop hop,

(put down first finger on 1-tape)

Baby, mom and pop pop,

(put down second finger on 2-tape)

Hopping to the top top,

(put down third finger on 3-tape)

Will they ever stop stop?

(keep third finger down)

Hop hop hop,

(lift third finger)

Hop hop hop,

(lift second finger)

Hop hop hop,

(lift first finger)

Hop hop hop,

(strum across all strings, GDAE, with pinkie)

STOP!

Please continue to play the Leprauchan Song, Irish Jig, Motorcycle Stop-Stop on E, the numbers game, the Rabbit Habitat song, etc. Have your child bring his or her practice record to lesson class to get a sticker for practicing three times a week!

Videos of the songs are on <http://www.violinist.com/mckinley>