

First Grade Violin Week 4

Oct. 29 – Nov. 2, 2007

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

Mrs. Niles is preparing all the violins with finger tapes for the violin and bow, making sure each instrument has everything needed. We hope to start with real violins next week! This week in class we will talk about the proper way to take the violin out of its case, fasten the shoulder rest, wind and rosin the bow; and the proper way to loosen the bow, take off the shoulder rest and put the violin away. Keep practicing the following skill-building songs:

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

1. Sing the **Rest Position Song**, do with hand motions. (Remember, rest position is when the violin is tucked under your right arm, at your side).
2. Practice the **Numbers Game**, getting violin onto the shoulder.
3. Practice making a **Bow Bunny** and **Pencil Bow Hold**. See the website (<http://www.violinist.com/mckinley/>) for how it's done. Remember, the right hand is your bow hand! Hold pencil, in bow hold, straight up and down and sing:

The Noble Duke of York (tune: Farmer in the Dell)

The noble Duke of York,
He had ten-thousand men,
He marched them UP the hill,
And marched them DOWN again,
And when you're UP you're UP,
And when you're DOWN you're DOWN,
And when you're IN BETWEEN,
You're neither UP nor DOWN!

4. Sing **Where is One Mouse**, tapping your fingers (both hands) and making them round.
5. Fill out your practice chart! Bring your egg carton violin and folder to class!
6. Questions? Confusion? Check out the website: <http://www.violinist.com/mckinley/>