

First Grade Violin Week 6

Nov. 12-16, 2007

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

I hope your child is enjoying and taking good care of his or her violin! Thanksgiving is next week, so the only classes next week will be **Mr. Huang and Ms. Ward's class at 12:20 on Tuesday**. The remainder of this week will be as scheduled, with all group classes on Friday.

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

1. Practice the **Numbers Game** with your real violin:

- Stand in Rest Position.
- “Get ready!” Open toes so feet form a “V” (or “smile”). Put violin hand (left hand) on bottom shoulder of the violin.
- “ONE!” Move left foot to the side, hold the violin out over left foot at shoulder height, turn head and look at violin.
- “TWO!” hold violin upside down (rotating FORWARD, not backward!) Keep looking at violin.
- “THREE!” Point violin toward throat.
- “FOUR!” Place violin UP and on shoulder.
- “FIVE!” Place violin hand on right shoulder. Try to hold the violin straight and flat. Carefully let go with left hand, and place left hand on right shoulder.

2. Without the violin, practice making the correct bow hold with the right hand on the real bow. The pinkie goes in the “donut” on the stick, and the thumb goes in the “donut” on the frog of the bow. All fingers are curved and not touching each other. With the hand in the proper place and bow straight up and down, do:

Up Like a Rocket

Up like a rocket,
Down like the rain,
Back and forth like a choo-choo train.
Round and round the great big sun,
Land on your head, curve pinkie and thumb!

3. Sing the **GGG Song**

GGG,
going up to DDD,
going up to AAA
going up to EEE
going down to AAA
going down to DDD
going down to GGG