

Taking Care of Your Violin

by Mrs. Niles



In General:

Keep your violin in the case when you are not using it.

Your violin is not a toy. Use it only for practicing and for making music. Do not let other kids or brothers or sisters play with your violin unless they have taken violin lessons and are being very careful.

Do not leave your violin in the sun or in a hot car. The glue can melt and the wood can warp.

Do not leave your violin in a very cold place or car. The wood can crack.

Avoid turning the pegs; use the fine tuners if you want to try tuning the violin. Mrs. Niles will tune violins during class. Strings do break occasionally and aren't too expensive to replace.

When taking out the violin:

- Do so slowly and carefully.
- Tighten the bow until the hair is about 4 mm from the stick. The stick should still be bent.
- Rosin the bow 10 times (5 swipes up, 5 swipes down).
- Attach the foam pad or shoulder rest, without setting the violin upside down on the bridge.

When putting away the violin:

- Take OFF the shoulder rest or foam pad so the case lid does not smush the bridge.
- Never force the lid shut; check for the cause if it is not shutting properly.
- Zip, buckle, velcro the case all the way shut so the violin does not fall out when you pick up the case.
- Store your shoulder rest or foam pad, either in the side pocket or carefully inside the case. Don't lose your shoulder rest/foam pad!

My Violin

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I'm in charge of this violin,
I'll keep it very safe when it's not under my chin
I'll play it standing tall,
And I'll never let it fall,
We will make great music, to play for one and all!