

Instrumental Music Notes

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Ensuring Success Topic 8: Sept/Oct Schedule and First Lesson Information

Lesson Schedule

A copy of our first lesson schedule was given to students this week with their lessons highlighted for them. Lessons do rotate through the day **and** possibly through the week. Please work with your child to come up with a plan for remembering to bring their instrument and lesson materials (folder and book) on lesson days. With various days off or field trips, some schedules will be a little harder to keep track of!

Our lesson group list is on the back of the schedule students received because some groups were divided up into A and B sections due to their size. If I have your child listed on the wrong instrument or name spelled wrong, please let me know so I can update my lists.

Lesson groups do occasionally change through the course of the year, for various reasons. Students will always be notified ahead of time of any group or schedule changes.

~Eighth in a series of newsletters with helpful information as we head in to an exciting new school year~

First lesson info:

What to bring:

Students will need to bring their instrument (unless I have their instrument already), a pencil, lesson book (if you have purchased this – see prior newsletters for book information) and themselves.



Please be aware, if you have ordered an instrument from Menchey Music to be delivered to the school, I may not receive it until late next week. Our Menchey rep delivers to Sparks on Thursdays.

If you have not yet made arrangements for an instrument, please go directly to Menchey's or one of our other local music stores to do so. Ordering online at this point will not allow your instrument to be delivered on time for our first lessons.

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First Lesson Info, continued

Band/Orchestra Folders:

All students received a band/orchestra folder with several items inside at their first lesson.

- Their schedule and lesson group list.
- (Coming soon!!) There will be a copy of our **Instrumental Music Handbook**. Please read through that and **complete the last page to send back in to me**. These are due back by your child's lesson during the first week of October.
- In addition, there will be several items specific to their instrument. We will be using these during our first several lessons.

Students will be required to bring these folders to all of their lessons.

My recommendation is for students to keep their folder in their backpack all the time. Take it out to practice then put it back in when they are done.

The Lesson:

During our first lesson:

- We will be learning how to safely handle and assemble our instrument.
- We will be learning correct hand and holding positions. If your child has already tried out their new instrument (but not had lessons yet) they may have to adjust what they were doing to the correct way. Usually they make this adjustment quickly.
- We will be learning our first basic notes. Most students will not be ready to play a song after the first lesson, but if they spend a reasonable amount of time practicing holding, fingering and playing each of our first notes, they will be playing songs in no time at all.

Included in their folders will be reminders to help them practice all that we did in our first lesson. This will be their **homework** "due" at their next lesson.

*Musically Yours,
Mrs. Carol Hutton*