

# *Instrumental Music Notes*

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## **Ensuring Success Topic 5 & 6: What Books & Accessories Will My Child Need**

### **BOOKS/ACCESSORIES**

I hope to begin lessons during the week of **September 25th**. By that time you will need to have arranged for the rental or purchase of the instrument your child will be using this year. In addition, there are lesson books and some, inexpensive, accessories that your child will need this year. Some will come with new rentals and will only need to be replenished if they run out, others you will need to obtain separately.

#### **LESSON BOOKS:**

**WINDS** (FLUTE, OBOE, CLARINET, SAXOPHONE, TRUMPET, HORN, TROMBONE, EUPHONIUM, TUBA) will need the following lesson book: SOUND INNOVATIONS, BOOK 1

**PERCUSSION** will need the following lesson book: SOUND INNOVATIONS, BOOK 1 (**Combined percussion**)

**STRINGS** (VIOLIN, VIOLA, CELLO, BASS) will need the following lesson book: SOUND INNOVATIONS, BOOK 1.

#### **ACCESSORIES—ALL STUDENTS:**

**PENCIL**-to be kept in instrument case and/or folder (folders will be supplied)

**MUSIC STAND** for home practice (folding stands cost less than \$20)

**OPTIONAL:** small sticky note pad, to be kept in folder

### **ACCESSORIES—BY INSTRUMENT:**

**FLUTE:** Your flute should come with a metal or plastic cleaning rod. You will need to provide a soft cloth for cleaning the inside of the flute after playing (a cut up piece of t-shirt or handkerchief works perfectly),  
**OPTIONAL:** a flute polishing cloth, Bo-Pep Thumb guide and/or Finger saddle. Another Option  
(<http://www.runyonproducts.com/accessories.html>)

**OBOE:** Your oboe should come with an oboe cleaning cloth and cork grease, if it does not, these will need to be purchased. Cork grease may need to be replaced over the course of the year. **\*\*Oboe reeds need to be purchased regularly throughout the year, figure on one or two per month.** Reeds should be “med-soft” for now. **OPTIONAL:** a “thumb saver” pad (<http://www.runyonproducts.com/clarinet.acc.html>)

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**CLARINET:** The clarinet should come with a clarinet cleaning cloth and cork grease, if it does not, these will need to be purchased. Cork grease may need to be replaced over the course of the year. \*\*Clarinet reeds need to be purchased regularly throughout the year, **figure on two or three per month.** (They are cheaper in bulk) Reeds should be “2 1/2” for now. Most students will move up to “3” by March. I will let students know when they should switch. OPTIONAL: a “thumb saver” pad (<http://www.runyonproducts.com/clarinet.acc.html>) and a mouthpiece cushion. (<http://www.runyonproducts.com/mpc.saver.html>)

**SAXOPHONE:** The saxophone should come with a cleaning swab, neck strap, and cork grease, if it does not, these will need to be purchased. There are many types of neck straps on the market. I strongly recommend one with a good amount of padding on the neck portion. \*\*Saxophone reeds need to be purchased regularly throughout the year, **figure on two or three per month.** (They are cheaper in bulk) Reeds should be “2 1/2” for now. Most students will move up to “3” by March. I will let students know when they should switch. OPTIONAL: a “thumb saver” pad and a mouthpiece cushion. (see clarinet for site addresses)

**TRUMPET/HORN/EUPHONIUM/TUBA:** These instruments should all come with valve oil and slide grease. If they do not, these will need to be purchased. Valve oil may need to be replaced over the course of the year. I ask that all students supply a soft cloth (a cut up piece of t-shirt or a cloth diaper work well) for oil/grease/spit clean-up.

**PERCUSSION:** No extra accessories at this time.

**TROMBONE:** The trombone should come with slide oil or slide grease (I prefer the oil). This may need to be replaced over the course of the year. I ask that all students supply a soft cloth (a cut up piece of t-shirt or a cloth diaper work well) for oil/grease/spit clean-up. I also ask that students have a small spray bottle (2 oz, travel size sprits type sprayer) filled with water that can be kept in their case. These can be found in dollar stores, Target travel/sample bins, Sally’s beauty supply, etc.

**VIOLIN/VIOLA:** These instruments should all come with a block of rosin and a shoulder pad. Rosin may need to be replaced over the course of the year. There are many different types of shoulder pads/rests. A simple foam sponge-type rest is fine at the beginning. I ask that all students supply a soft cloth (a cut up piece of t-shirt or a cloth diaper work well) for cleaning rosin dust off of the violin/viola body and strings after playing. OPTIONAL: There is a new product out that can help with bow hand positioning, called Bow Hold Buddies. (<http://www.things4strings.com/>) I find them to be a bit expensive, but may be an option of your child is having problems with the bow hold. Extra strings do not need to be purchased unless one would break during the year. I can replace strings at school.

**CELLO/BASS:** These instruments should all come with a block of rosin and a rock-stop or end-pin holder. Rosin may need to be replaced over the course of the year. There are many different types of rock-stops/end-pin holders, research to see what works best in the area where your child will be practicing. I ask that all students supply a soft cloth (a cut up piece of t-shirt or a cloth diaper work well) for cleaning rosin dust off of the violin/viola body and strings after playing. OPTIONAL: There is a new product out for cello that can help with bow hand positioning, called Bow Hold Buddies. (<http://www.things4strings.com/>) I find them to be a bit expensive, but may be an option of your child is having problems with the bow hold. Extra strings do not need to be purchased unless one would break during the year. I can replace strings at school, just bring in the instrument and purchased string.

*Musically Yours,  
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