

Rachel Eldridge Violin Policies

Lessons

- Each student should have their materials prepared for each lesson. This will include: Suzuki Book, Exercise or Etudes in a folder, notebook, and pencil. Beginning students should have their Beginner Strings packet and Foot Paper.
- Lessons are scheduled weekly throughout the year. Holiday weeks will be determined by the local school system schedule (Spring Break, Thanksgiving, Winter Break). Lessons will not be held on Memorial Day, Independence Day, or Labor Day. There will be no adjustment in the monthly fee for lessons that would fall on these holidays.
- Regular lessons continue through the summer (June-August). Please contact me ASAP if you have vacation plans so we can attempt to schedule make-up lessons.
- There will be no refunds for missed lessons if a family cannot attend their scheduled lesson time. If I need to reschedule, contact me prior to work to find a mutually agreeable time to make up the lesson.
- If possible, parents are encouraged to switch lesson times with other families if they are unable to attend their weekly scheduled lesson time. I require 24 hour notice before a missed lesson. A schedule of lessons and parent phone numbers will be shared on Google Drive to help facilitate switching lessons.

Tuition

- Tuition is due the first week of every month.
- I accept cash or checks. Please make checks payable to: Rachel Eldridge
- Tuition will remain the same amount every month. Some months will have more or less than 4 lessons and the schedule is organized over the course of the year so that each student receives an equal amount of lessons.

Parent Partner

- Each family should designate a parent to be the parent partner for students younger than 3rd grade. The parent partner is expected to attend every lesson, take notes, and be responsible for daily listening, daily practice, and obtaining supplies as needed.
- Parents should read Nurtured by Love by Shinichi Suzuki to be acquainted with the philosophy of the Suzuki Method.

Practice

- It is the parent's responsibility to establish a daily practice routine. Strive to establish a positive and focused home practice environment. Enjoy the quality time of working in a loving manner with your child.
- Practice length is equal to the length of the lesson. The exception of practice length = lesson length is with beginners who are still gathering skills, and more advanced students, who are also working on more material than what is covered weekly.
- When possible, set a morning routine of practice and/or break practice into 2 sessions spread out over the day. After dinner would also work, breaking up practice before and after/during homework time.

Listening

- It is the parent's responsibility to play the recordings at home 1-2 times every day.
- Play the recording at the same time each day so it becomes part of your daily routine.
- Some possible times are: in the morning while getting ready for work and school, or in the car during a commute. Music can be played in the background

Lesson Agreement for Parents

I have read the policy page and understand that tuition is due the first week of the month.

I understand that I am unable to prorate my child's monthly lesson tuition if my family is unable to attend a complete month of lessons.

I understand that by agreeing to enroll in violin lessons with Rachel Eldridge that I am making a commitment to stay enrolled in violin lessons for at least the school year (9 months).

I understand if my family is wanting to cancel lessons, I will give Rachel Eldridge 30 days notice.

I will refrain from attending a lesson if my child is sick. I understand that this compromises the health of everyone in the studio. I will also be responsible for helping my child develop the habit of washing their hands properly before every lesson.

I commit to doing my best as a parent to support my child in nurturing their musical pursuits. This includes:

- Keeping practice a regular and mandatory part of our family's routine
- Using positive and supportive language in our work together
- Playing the Suzuki CD daily
- Whenever possible, attend concerts outside of the studio, as well as my student's recitals
- Asking for support from my teacher when I am encountering a challenge with this process
- Holding a high vision of my child everyday of them achieving their personal best

Name _____ Signature _____

Date _____

Teacher & Student contract

Student

I will wash my hands with soap and water before every lesson.

I will bring my positive attitude to every practice session, lesson, and class.

I will help my parent remember to play my Suzuki CD everyday. I know that the more I listen, the faster and easier I will learn my music and this will create the greatest satisfaction in me.

I will practice daily. Exceptions include sickness, family events, school projects or other special parts of your life discussed with your parent.

I will share the gift of music with my family and community when the opportunity presents itself.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Teacher

I will bring my positive attitude to every lesson and class.

I will take good care of myself so that I can bring all my energy into every one of our lessons.

I will do my best to help you grow and develop your skills every lesson.

I will continue to grow as a teacher by studying new ideas for teaching and staying current with developmental learning research.

Teacher Signature _____ Date _____