

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_



According to the choices in our Strings program your child has selected to play the

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Please plan to have your child's instrument and essential equipment by

\_\_\_\_\_ so that we all may begin together.

### **ESSENTIALS FOR A GOOD START IN STRINGS**

A good instrument is essential for success in the orchestra class. Some instruments have been unable to stand up to the rigors of class work. If possible, please avoid any instrument labeled:

1. Stanek
2. Frederic
3. Sears

These instruments are inexpensive but have been found to require an unusual amount of maintenance that results in lost learning time. Most reputable dealers will not rent or sell these products.

#### **The following equipment is necessary for your child to play a string instrument:**

**VIOLIN** – Instrument and case with name tag; rosin; extra set of strings; shoulder rest or soft sponge with rubber band; clean soft cloth; folding music stand; music folder (usually given by the music store); pencils; Book 1 – Essential Elements 2000 for Strings by Allen, Gillespie, & Hayes

**VIOLA** - Instrument and case with name tag; rosin; extra set of strings; shoulder rest or soft sponge with rubber band; clean soft cloth; folding music stand; music folder (usually given by the music store); pencils; Book 1 – Essential Elements 2000 for Strings by Allen, Gillespie, & Hayes

**CELLO** - Instrument and case with name tag; rosin; rock stops or end pin rest; clean soft cloth; folding music stand; music folder (usually given by the music store); pencils; Book 1 – Essential Elements 2000 for Strings by Allen, Gillespie, & Hayes

**BASS** - Instrument and case with name tag; rosin; rock stops or end pin rest; clean soft cloth; folding music stand; music folder (usually given by the music store); pencils; Book 1 – Essential Elements 2000 for Strings by Allen, Gillespie, & Hayes

Once the student has the instrument, proper care should be taken not to damage it. Remember to handle the instrument, bow and case with care. Bumping the instrument can cause it to go out the adjustment. Keep the instrument clean. Do not let others play or handle the instrument.

#### **Music Stores**

This is a list of several music stores in the area that have the equipment needed and where you may be able to rent or buy an instrument. Please check the Yellow Pages for others.

##### **Band & Orchestra Centre**

2746 Candler Rd.  
Decatur, GA 30032  
404-212-0420

##### **Century Music**

4828 Flat Shoals Pkwy  
Decatur, GA 30034  
770-808-1991

##### **Peachtree Music**

5013 N Henry Blvd  
Stockbridge, GA  
770-474-9177

##### **Dave's Cheap Musical Instruments**

[www.davescheapmusicalinstruments.com](http://www.davescheapmusicalinstruments.com)

5219 Memorial Drive  
Stone Mountain, GA 30083  
404-477-DRUM(3786)

307 Olde Town Way  
McDonough, GA  
770-320-8710

Instruments do not need to be new but should be clean and in good working order. If you have a used instrument from a friend or relative, please let the instructor check out the playing condition.

In order to be successful in strings, your child will need to maintain an instrument in good playing condition. Many music stores offer good insurance coverage for rental musical instruments that we would recommend. **THE SCHOOL IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR STOLEN INSTRUMENTS.**

**IMPORTANT:** PLEASE TRY TO PURCHASE INSTRUMENTS FROM A REPUTABLE MUSIC STORE. PURCHASING AN INSTRUMENT ANY WHERE ELSE MAY BE MADE OF INFERIOR QUALITY AND WILL BE IN NEED OF REPAIR MOST OF THE YEAR.

Chapel Hill Elementary Band & Strings website <http://chapelhill.mbnsite.com>  
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