

INFORMATION ABOUT PRACTICING

Dear Parent,

It is our conviction that the experience of music should be a joint venture between parent and child. You have signed your child up for music lessons because you know that music is a part of total education. Please help us help your child to understand the necessity of practice. We believe it is the parent's responsibility to make sure that their children practice. A young student should never be allowed to quit before giving music his or her best shot. Until the student has done this, withdrawing from the program should not be considered an option. Providing your child with an instrument to play is only the first of many contributions you can make to assure success for your child.

Practicing at Home – Just as math homework is a specific assignment, so is music homework. **Minimum Practice** – 20 minutes, 4 days per week will help your child get the best results.

Regularity – Set aside a time of day that is reserved for music practice.

Repetition – Once through an exercise or part of a song is not enough. Like an athlete perfecting his/her skills, a musician needs to play the same melody over and over again in order to improve and progress.

Attendance & Preparation – Don't let your child leave for school on a lesson day without his or her instrument, lesson book, folder, and pencil.

The Value of Commitment – Help teach your child the value of "sticking with it" when he or she has made a commitment. The student's efforts over time will surely be rewarded.

As a result of your commitment to quality education, your child is learning an instrument. Studies show that learning an instrument will elevate S.A.T scores, math and reading skills, self-esteem, hand eye coordination, and the ability to work with others.

Now is the time for your child to make a commitment to practicing his or her instrument in order to receive the benefits of music education. *I suggest that students practice no less than four times per week for 20 minutes each time.*

Call if your child has problems with motivation, scheduling, or any facet of the instrumental music program. We will do whatever is necessary to make certain that your child has a positive experience. It is an opportunity to serve you. Thank you for your decision to participate.

If your child needs a rental instrument, and has not received one yet, please call Mr. Friedman at 516 459 5937.

Please be aware that the tuition for instrumental music lessons is a yearly fee paid in monthly installments.