

September 2018

Dear Parents,

There are still openings in the Violin class, using the Suzuki approach, which is being offered at SFDS School, for new (beginning) violin students. This will be scheduled **after school, from 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. every Monday.**

According to the Suzuki philosophy, every child can learn to play if he/she **practices regularly** and is provided with the proper **environment**. In this method, the **parent** is a very important part of the child's education. The parent should attend the lesson whenever possible. The teacher and parent work with the child to:

- create a positive learning environment
- take very small steps, and master each before going on (this may make progress seem slow at first)
- make a commitment to daily practicing of assignments and daily listening to the Suzuki recordings
- keep practice regular and friendly
- have a working knowledge of the instrument and its care

The Suzuki method is actually designed as a program combining private and group lessons. The class offered is only a group class, offered once a week, as an introduction to violin. When you and your child are ready to progress more, you can contact me about additional private lessons.

Requirements for participation in this program are:

1-Each student must have his/her own instrument of the correct size (available at area violin shops; monthly rentals run from about \$18 to \$30), with music and any other supplies necessary. See attached note.

2-Each student must attend the afternoon group lesson each week; he/she should be prepared to practice daily with parental guidance, to listen to the Suzuki recording daily, and to play in any scheduled performances (at least twice a year).

3-Payment for classes must be up-to-date. The annual fee is \$350; this includes a \$35 registration fee, and \$35 to be paid the first week of each month of the school year (September through May).

The Beginning Violin Group, for students with little or no experience in violin, is scheduled for every **MONDAY AFTERNOON, FROM 3:30-4:00 P.M.** (If your child already plays, please contact me about our intermediate group.) We will meet in the choir/music room. Parents are invited to attend when possible. If your child is in BASP, we can make arrangements for me to pick up your child and return him/her to BASP; please let me know.

If you and your child are interested in participating in this program, please sign and return the form below; either mail or email it back to me. The notice to let you know what your child will need for the class is the second page of this letter. Classes will begin on Monday September 10, 2018, when the registration fee and the first month's payment are due (total: \$70). Please do not send payment to the school office; it should be sent with the child to the lesson.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Claire Eary  
Suzuki Violin Instructor  
Cell 832-731-6791, text ok  
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I am interested in enrolling my child in the Suzuki Violin Program at SFDS School.  
My child would like to be in the Beginning Group Class, Monday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' names: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## SUZUKI VIOLIN – SFDS SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

When your child is enrolled in the Suzuki violin program, you need to get an instrument. Please take your child to the violin shop to be measured; each student must have a violin outfit of the APPROPRIATE SIZE – NOT a full-size adult violin. You will also need to ask for a foam sponge, or special violin, shoulder pad. Many stores have excellent rental-with-purchase-option plans. I recommend that you obtain the best instrument you can; all bows must have real horsehair, and the violin should have 4 fine tuners (the Wittner tailpiece is best). In this way, your child will have every advantage in achieving a beautiful tone on the violin. The shops have a variety to choose from. (Please do NOT get an inexpensive instrument from the internet; though they are cheap, they already need repair when they arrive, and will not stay in tune. They will need repair often and are difficult to play.)

If you wish to comparison-shop, I can recommend these stores in the Houston area:

Lisle Violin Shop

2450 Bissonnet

713-526-4005

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

Gold Violin Shop

7010 Maple Ridge

(off Bissonnet east

of Chimney Rock)

713-729-2231

Your child is taking lessons using the Suzuki method. He/She should have the music book and CD (for home listening) that go with this, as well as the practice CD. These can be purchased at the stores above.

Music book: Suzuki Violin School, Violin Part, Volume 1 Revised

Listening CD: Suzuki Violin School, Volume 1 Revised [often included with book]

Practice CD: “Slow Twinkles” Revised

Your child will be starting the violin lessons on Monday September 10, 2018. He/She should bring the violin (or, if not available yet, come without) to this lesson **at 3:30 – 4:00** p.m. in the SFDS music room (choir room). The registration fee (\$35) and first month’s fee (\$35) (a total of \$70) should be brought to this lesson (any checks should be made out to Claire Eary). Please do not send payment to the school office; it should be sent with the child to the lesson. Lessons will be from 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. each Monday.

I look forward to seeing your child at our first lesson. If you have any questions, please contact me by telephone (cell 832-731-6791, text ok) or e-mail ([candceary@yahoo.com](mailto:candceary@yahoo.com)).

Sincerely,

Mrs. Claire Eary

Suzuki Violin Instructor