

STRINGS AND PIANO PROGRAM

Director: Mrs. Diana Benti (608)362-2801

RCCS offers individual lessons in violin, viola, cello and piano for beginners through advanced players grades 3-12. The goals of the program are to glorify God through the gift of music and to foster a love of music.

Emphasis is on skill development, music reading and an introduction to music theory.

Lessons at the elementary level will be "in the Suzuki style".

Listening to a Suzuki CD and regular practicing at home are expected . Practice is like math homework. IT MUST BE DONE TO IMPROVE!

I ASK FOR AT LEAST 3 DAYS PRACTICE PER WEEK)

Note reading and music theory are learned away from the instrument.

I will provide a 3-ring binder and copies of music for each student. Piano students will be required to pay for a Theory Time workbook for their appropriate level. You will purchase this from me. Cost is around \$10.

MS/HS students continue with Suzuki repertoire. They will also be given opportunity to learn improvisation and alternative music styles.

Students who are transferring from another teacher may continue with lesson literature they have used previously.

Lessons are on an individual basis, weekly, 15 - 20 minutes in length.

Tentatively, there will be approximately 29 regular lessons during the school year. I will provide a calendar when lessons begin.

Students have been invited to play at the Christmas and Spring concerts in the past.

I hope to arrange a recital for all students some time in the spring...depending on sports schedules, etc.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL ME (608-362-2801) OR E-MAIL (bentiviola@yahoo.com) WITH ANY QUESTIONS !!

PIANO AND STRINGS DETAILS

- Signed registration form is required prior to any student beginning lessons.
- **Every student needs an instrument for home practice.** An electronic keyboard is acceptable for piano students. There should be at least 61 keys. Keys should be standard piano size and "touch sensitive" or "weighted"
- For violin & viola, if I have an instrument the proper size, you can borrow it from me. You will be responsible for any repair costs or string replacement necessary while the instrument is being borrowed. If I do not have an instrument, rental instruments are available through several local music stores.
 - I can teach beginning cello, but do not have an instrument available to use.
- No student may drop lessons unless an add/drop form is completed and signed by the parent. These forms may be picked up and dropped off in schools office. (also available online)
- **Cost: \$50.00 per quarter PAYABLE TO : Diana Benti : AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH QUARTER.** Your child(ren) will receive approximately 29 individual lessons, 15 – 20 min in length, per year.
- Any student who begins private lessons in any given quarter will be responsible for the fee for that quarter even in the event of withdrawal.

STRING & PIANO PROGRAM SIGNUP (detach and return)

Parent Name _____ Phone _____ Cell _____

Address _____

e- mail _____

Student Name	Grade	Participation
_____	_____	Strings _____ (instrument) Piano _____
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