Suzuki Group Classes at Hochstein

Enrollment

Attending group class is a requirement for all Suzuki students. Group class is an essential part of the Suzuki program and goes hand-in-hand with lesson instruction. For classes from Suzuki 101/Pre-Twinkle through Book 2, parents are required to attend with their child. For classes Book 3 and over, parents are encouraged to attend, but not required. By attending group class, students will have an opportunity to review and refine previously-learned skills and pieces. Students will also learn how to play together; this valuable experience prepares them for group concerts and future participation in orchestra and chamber ensembles.

What to expect

There will be different levels in each group - you will have opportunities to preview and review pieces as well as skills – all of the activities reinforce the work you are already doing in the individual lesson. You may want to write down some helpful home practice ideas. If the teacher invites parents to participate, please be responsive to the request – remember, your child is always learning from you! Please refrain from giving your child hints and reminders during group class. Your child's attention needs to be focused on the teacher, and you are showing respect for the teacher when you let the teacher do his/her job without interruption. That being said, please be aware of your child's behavior and interactions during class - if you feel the need to take them out of the class for a brief time, that is greatly appreciated.

Attendance

Group classes are just as important to attend as the private lessons and should be treated as such. Being part of the Suzuki Program means consistently attending group class and your private lesson on a weekly basis. In sports programs, students are required to participate regularly in practices to in order to play in the games. In the same manner, students MUST attend group class regularly in order to participate in any Suzuki concerts. Thanks for being a part of our team!