



Class Name: Adventures in Violin
Block 2 (10:00-10:55)
Fall & Spring 2024-25

Tutor: Sarah Dowell

Grade Level: 5th-12th

Course Description: Let's enter the world of the violin! This is a hands-on class for students new to the instrument. We will cover the basics of the violin, including the bow hold, part names, posture, left hand dexterity, note recognition, melodic and rhythmic exercises, and simple melodies. Along the way, we will listen to a wide array of music and venture through the joys of making melody.

Books Required: These can all be purchased from www.sharmusic.com.

Suzuki Violin School, Volume 1, by Shinichi Suzuki

O'Connor Violin Method, Book 1, by Mark O'Connor

All for Strings Theory Workbook 1, by Gerald E. Anderson and Robert S. Frost

Binder for handouts

Supplies required: You will need to purchase or rent a violin and bow. I recommend purchasing/renting an instrument at Atlantic Strings in Melbourne. This shop sells violins that are true instruments, and they have assistants who will help measure your student's arm length and fit him/her to the correct instrument size. When getting an instrument there, also buy the following supplies:

- Rosin
- Music Stand
- Shoulder Rest (make sure it is the proper size for the violin)

(Note: DO NOT purchase a violin from Amazon, they sell toys, not true instruments)

Materials fee: \$5.00 per semester

Maximum # of students: 15

Minimum # of students: 7