



Tutor: Sarah Dowell

Class Name: Adventures in Violin

Grade Levels: Grades 5-12

Class 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.

Prerequisites: None

Textbook/Author/Publisher: *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
Alfred's Complete Essentials of Music Theory, by Andrew Surmani, Karen Farnum Surmani, et al.

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 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

Supplies Required: binder for handouts, Snark X Tuner

Materials/Lab Fee: \$10/semester

Step Up: NO