

Hey there, string parents. Our first week is complete!

This week we learned how to [unpack instruments](#), [the posture to hold them](#), and [pizzicato technique](#). Next week we'll focus on left hand technique, playing [fingered notes and the White Finger Pattern](#). Upon mastering it, students will be able to test for their white belts in String Samurai.

🎉 Everyone turned in their first homework assignment [on time!](#) 🎉

The first two weeks of class follow a “[flipped](#)” model – students [learn concepts](#) at home via videos tailored to a specific instrument, and then we [practice and refine](#) those concepts together in class. We'll have two more rounds of video units like this. The next written component is due Monday, after watching the White Belt videos. The final component will be due the following Monday (Aug 5th), after watching the Bow videos.

Most students have instruments! This is encouraging to see. If you'll be renting from a store, please get an instrument as soon as possible. If you'll be requesting a district instrument, make sure I have that [paperwork by Tuesday's class](#). Orchestra staff will be meeting Wednesday evening to assign instruments, and I'll confirm if we have an instrument available on Thursday.

The year is off to a great start! See you Monday.



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