

Good evening, string parents.

Here's what we've learned so far in class!

- Posture
- Using our left hand to change pitch
- Playing pizzicato and arco (plucking & bowing)
- Reading rhythms & notes
- Playing simple tunes

I'm very proud how quickly the students are progressing. We're mastering content much quicker than usual!

Our first performance

Our first performance is in October! Check the class website (<https://www.string-samurai.com/upcoming-events>) for the date & schedule.

This event is a unique one! It'll be part open house and part concert. The goal is to make you feel like part of the orchestra as students share what we do in class.

When you arrive, you'll notice that there is no audience seating ... you'll be sitting within the ensemble! What's more, students will be teaching and preparing a parent or other older family member to perform a song on the student's instrument. (Students will receive this assignment in a week or two.)

If able, please bring a music stand from home. Cellists and bassists, make sure to bring a rock stop.

It will be informal dress rather than concert attire, for performers and audience alike – just make sure to follow the school dress code.

Homework

All of our written homework assignments have been completed. If you login to ParentVUE, you can see your child's grades on each assignment. I encourage any student who got a question wrong to make corrections. They can resubmit it to get full points!

Here are what the numbers mean:

4	All questions correct and turned in early!
3	All questions correct.
2	Some questions incorrectly answered.
1	Not turned in!

Instrument Care worksheet	The Basics worksheet	The Bow worksheet
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Yours in partnership,



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