

BEGINNING STRINGS

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Learn the basics of violin, viola, cello, or bass via Zoom. Students will need the assistance of a parent or experienced string player to help with tuning, physical adjustments to the student's posture, and the Zoom connection.

COVERING THE SAME LESSONS

1. Basic instrument technique.
2. Playing by rote and music reading
3. Tone, intonation, basic rhythms

MATERIALS NEEDED

1. A properly sized instrument with shoulder rest (violin/viola) or rock stop (cello/bass), bow matched to instrument and size, rosin. Marshall Music is currently available for curbside service (difficult to reach by phone), and Shar Products is available for mail delivery. Both offer rental plans.
2. Essential Elements for Strings, book 1 for the specific instrument.
3. Music stand
4. Pencil
5. Internet connection with a camera - preferably on a computer
6. Finger tape material to be applied during class by parents - thin car pinstriping, electrical tape, mailing labels for small envelopes, or tiny stickers. Music stores may be willing to apply these.
7. *(Recommended)* Tuner or app
8. *(Optional)* Smart Music

I am currently using Zoom for private lessons, a Suzuki workshop, and connecting with friends and family. Recently, I started a brand new violin student, and her mom is doing great with tuning, adjusting the camera, and adjusting instrument posture.