



## Elementary Strings Materials

(Required at every Strings class unless otherwise noted)

- An **instrument** of acceptable quality. I recommend that you rent an instrument to start. If you decide to purchase an instrument, please keep in mind that if you are spending \$100.00 or less, it may not be the quality your child needs. It is also wise to avoid buying colored instruments (blue, black, pink, etc.), as they are produced with appearance as a priority, rather than instrument quality. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.
- Strings **method book**.
  - 5th and 6th Grade Strings will use *Orchestra Expressions, Book 1* (specific to your instrument).
  - Students will also need a **1-inch binder with plastic page protectors** for sheet music, test materials, and other handouts.
- **Rosin**
- **Soft cleaning cloth**
- **Pencil**
- The following supplies are specific to each instrument:
  - **Violin/Viola**
    - Shoulder rest - There are many varieties of shoulder rests. One of the most common is a plastic model that is molded to fit the contours of the player's shoulder and is padded with foam. Others include contoured sponges that attach with a rubber band. Either of these models are acceptable for class. A shoulder rest is necessary for proper positioning and comfort.
  - **Cello/Bass**
    - Rock stop or endpin strap - A rock stop or endpin strap is used to keep the instrument in place, especially on hard or slippery surfaces. This important accessory will help cello/bass students maintain proper playing position and avoid the frustration of a slipping and sliding instrument.

*Please contact me if you are unable to obtain these items for any reason.*

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