

JMU Young Children's Program String Project - Preschool Violin - 3/25/22 and 3/30/22

SET UP: unzipped violin cases in rows (tuned), adult chairs in the back, music ed undergraduate assistants sit on either side of the rows

OBJECTIVE: Students will practice following the Rules of Music, will hold the violin correctly, will review the four strings, and will perform pizzicato songs on each string.

Class opening 3-5 minutes	<p>Students walk in quietly and take a seat behind violins, teachers take a seat in back.</p> <p>Introduce the following rules to the students. Every capitalized word will be said by the students:</p> <p>Rules of Music</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. LISTEN while the teacher or classmate is talking to the class 2. Follow directions QUICKLY 3. Raise your hand to speak or stand <p>Teacher script: Rule number one is we always.... Rule number two says we follow directions how? ... And rules number three says, let's say it together: raise your hand to speak or stand</p> <p>When I say "class class" can you say "yes yes"? This means quiet mouths, eyes on me</p> <p>Learn the song "There's Someone Living on a Big High Hill" and echo 4 beat rhythms</p>
Reading and Recall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review strings and colors • G-D-A-E <p>For each song in the booklet</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sitting in your seat, look at booklet and find the right page and sit it in front of you 2. Tap the visual to the rhythm as a group (one, two, ready, go!)
How to Hold Violin - To be reviewed before every song	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wave violin hand! 2. Wake up sleeping violin and hold it in violin hand 3. Hold the top of the body of the violin out in front of you (assistants go around and adjust) 4. Flip violin up 5. Bring violin in to neck 6. Rest your thumb on the end of the fingerboard
Playing Together	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Find correct string 2. Pluck song together on 1, 2, ready, go 3. After we all successfully play together, hear students solo

	Teacher script: Not everyone will get a turn every time, but that's okay, because we're gonna be happy for our friends and we'll get a chance another time
End of class	Dance party!

Assessment: Students will successfully hold the instrument and play each string, showing improvement with each different song. Students will respond when reminded of the Rules of Music.