



Vista Grande String Ensemble

Week of 4/20/2020

Hello, my wonderful young musicians! I have certainly missed our time working together, and I wish we were back in the classroom like normal. But I hope we can still make music together!

I would really love to be in contact with all of you. Please email me at leppardh@pvpusd.net to say Hi! Make sure you include your first and last name, your regular classroom teacher's name, and an email address where I can contact you.

Did you know...?

- All of our music (with fingerings!) can be found on my [website](#).
- I have been working on making YouTube videos for you to practice with at home. Check out the [playlist](#) of everything I have so far!
- Instrument need tuning? Be very careful if you try to tune your instrument yourself- it is very easy to break a string. Try to adjust using your fine tuners as much as possible. I recommend using a *chromatic* tuner to tune with- if you don't have those, there are many phone apps available. Here are two videos that might help you out:
 - <https://youtu.be/Ga5e1uyRI7g>
 - <https://youtu.be/IWAFbV0bTrw>

Now to actually make some music!

- **Practice, Practice, Practice!**
 - Aim to spend 15-20 minutes at least 3 days a week practicing your String Ensemble music.
- **Start with Scales!**
 - The first 5-10 minutes of every practice session should start with scales.
 - You can print out our scale sheet from my [website](#) and practice along with me on YouTube.
- **Repertoire (That's fancy for "our music!")**
 - *Gavotte*
 - This piece was in pretty good shape. Just make sure you are confident with your part- try playing along with the other part on

YouTube to see how it sounds. (There is a cleaner copy of it on the [website](#) if you would like to use that.)

- [Video for Part 1](#)
- [Video for Part 2](#)
- *Canon in D*
 - Make sure you can play A, B, C, D, E, and H fluently. If you need more of a challenge, look at the Advanced Violin part and try out some of the trickier variations.
 - Play along with the video, which is parts A-D. You can play the same part as me, or start on a different part to hear the ensemble sound.
 - [Video for Canon](#)
- *Star Wars*
 - I have a simplified version on the [website](#) now. Print it out and work on each section independently.
 - I'll try to make a video to practice with by next week.
- *Mickey Mouse March*
 - This is also in good shape- don't forget about the low 1st and 2nd fingers and the high 3rd fingers. For Part 1, see if you can get the hooked bowings (down-down, up-up) starting on the second line. Try playing along with the video and see how it sounds!
- **Need a challenge?**
 - I will be adding some fun solos and duets to the website. Get "together" with a friend to play them together!

All the best!

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My YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL6RAVz3SShv-nzOWv4408A?view_as=subscriber