



Vista Grande String Ensemble

Week of 5/4/2020

Music Classes are wrapping up for the year very quickly. Sad, right? This would have been our concert week. I am looking forward to seeing the 4th graders next year. 5th Graders- Best of luck to you as you begin middle school. I hope music will continue to be part of your schooling in the future!

Important Stuff

- If you have a district instrument, you will be receiving information soon about either returning your instruments or how you can rent them through the summer (4th graders only.) Be sure to look for that information.
- All of our music (with fingerings!) can be found on my [website](#).
- Check out the [playlist](#) of all of our music.
- 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.
- **New Music!!! (On the website at: <https://mrsleppardmusic.weebly.com/string-ensemble.html>)**
 - I have added a bunch of different duets at various ability levels to the website that you can play. See if you can learn one (or both parts) and practice with a friend through Zoom (or whatever!)

- Repertoire (That's fancy for "our music!")
 - *Gavotte*
 - Try playing it with the other part on the YouTube video to see how both parts sound together. (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.

All the best!

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