

GRADE 4 Violin Lesson
April 13-17

Dear Grade 4 Musicians,

Now that you know how to tune your violin on your own, please watch the attached video for this week's lesson. Basically, I'd like you to get used to playing along with the video, and stopping it frequently to repeat and practice on your own. During Boil 'em Cabbage Down, you can also pretend you are on Team A or Team E and play the rhythm along with the piece, staying on that one open string.

Have fun! These exercises will probably feel easy to you. That's the idea right now. Get used to playing with the video, and don't race through them. Keep the tempo consistent, and focus on a clear, even sound with a steady bow and your fingers placed just right.

(Of course, you many keep playing whichever more difficult pieces you'd like as well — for example Shortening Bread, Little Liza Jane and Lightly Row. You'll be playing along with me on those ones next week.

BONUS ASSIGNMENT: Please teach (or TRY TO TEACH) a member of your household how to play one of your easy pieces. Be sure to show them proper position (and don't let them touch the bow hairs), tell them the string names, and where the bow is supposed to press when it is pulled across the string. NOTE: being a teacher takes patience and a sense of humor. Don't worry if your student doesn't sound very good at first. Neither did you, ha ha.

I'll Zoom into your class on Wednesday to check how things are going.

Have fun!
Make music!
Be joyful!
It's a beautiful day and you are amazing.

Sincerely,
Ms. Fawcett