

Dear 3rd Grade Parents:

Welcome! The year has started, and we are now introducing musical instruments for your child to learn throughout the year. Your child will have an instrument to bring to and from school that is provided by Tenafly Public Schools. These instruments are clean and in good working order. Your child will be provided a workbook that is a modified version of the lesson book needed in 4th and 5th grade. Here are a few hints to help your child get started on their instrument at home:

- We will be starting the year off by learning instrumental basics such as proper breathing techniques, music and rhythm literacy.
- There will be supplemental videos to watch at home to better hone in on skills needed when we eventually have in person lessons.
- Your child should play their instrument at least three times a week for 10-20 minutes a day. This will help build consistency and allow your child to become familiar with the fine and gross motor skills needed to play their instruments.
- There will not be a concert for your child to be showcased this year. This will allow your child to just focus on the basics of playing their instrument and fluently reading music to the best of their ability without teaching to the concert.

Please return the form that is attached to this letter. The form will allow me to sign out the instrument that I have set aside for your child. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Musically Yours,

Mrs. DeJoseph

Instrumental Music Teacher at Mackay and Maugham Schools