

# Material List for the Beginning Parents

*\*The items marked with an asterisk should be brought to the first lesson.*

## 1. \*Violin

In good condition and of a size appropriate for your child (let your teacher help you to determine this). Equipped with fresh strings and four working fine tuners on all strings. If your child is between sizes please choose to use the smaller size since it will be less heavy.

## 2. \*Bow

With real horse-hair in good condition. For young children more likely to drop and break it, a synthetic bow might be appropriate; otherwise, obtain a wooden bow.

## 3. \*Rosin

Rosin should come with the violin. One in a wooden trough is the best.

*Instruments may be rented or purchased from most music stores including the following:*

- **Gary Frisch Violins**  
3008 Westcott Street, Falls Church, VA 22042  
(703) 533-5883  
<http://www.garyfrischviolins.com>
- **Potter's Violins**  
4706 Highland Ave., Bethesda, MD 20814  
(301) 652-7070  
<http://www.pottersviolins.com/>
- **Foxes Music**  
5849 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041  
(703) 820-3610  
<http://www.foxesmusic.com>

## 4. Suzuki Materials (Books):

- "Nurtured by Love" by Shinichi Suzuki
- "Suzuki Violin School, Violin part, Volume 1 revised edition" with the recording by William Preucil, Volumes 1-2. (CD comes with the book)
- "Helping Parents Practice" by Edmund Sprunger

## 5. \*Poster board for footchart

White or light-colored. 24x36 inches. Poster board can be made from two smaller posters.

## 6. \*Shoulder support

Comprised of red cosmetic sponges. Music shops do not carry the sponges, so you will need to go to a beauty supplies shop such as Sally Beauty Supply to get them.

## 7. \*Rubber bands

Should be broad and flat, like those which often come around newspapers. Please purchase 2 thick and 4 thin ones. But it's better to keep extra rubber bands in the violin case.

## 8. \*Two blank composition-style notebooks and a pen

For taking notes. One is for the teacher and other is for the parent.

## 9. Classical-music recordings for "special listening"

Please refer to the suggested list on page 9.

## 10. Digital metronome with built in "A" pitch

## 11. Blank 3x5, white lined index cards

Prepare about 20 sheets.

## 12. An envelop

It will be attached to the inside of the notebook, to keep the index cards.

I highly recommend to all of my students **Potters Violins** or **Gary Frisch Violins**. (location is listed on the materials List) Be sure they know I am the teacher so you will be given an instrument I am likely to approve. Take your child to be sized at the shop. Be sure to ask them to explain their rent-to-own program to you as well as their insurance coverage options. I would recommend adding insurance to the instrument if it doesn't already come with it just so that if there are any accidents that happen to befall it, you will have the peace of mind that you are covered.