Beginning Strings Grading Policy

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Welcome to Beginning Strings. Together we can have a great year ahead. Many have, at one time or another, wanted to play an instrument. Still others have tried and given up. I hope you take full advantage of the opportunity your parents have given you. If playing an instrument was easy, everyone would be doing it. But the fact is, everyone isn't doing it! It is my goal that you will get in a practice routine and that you will enjoy coming to band weekly.

Performance Policy

There will be 2 concerts a Winter concert in December and a Spring concert. All performances are required! Unexcused, missed performances will be made up by completing a music worksheet given by the band director. It is the students responsibility to ask the band director for this make up assignment.

Grades

Two grades will be give each trimester

Participation Grade

Since this class only meets once a week being in class on time and ready to play is a necessity. A student who comes to class without all required materials is not prepared to learn. The participation grade is worth 5 points and will partially be based on whether all of the following materials are present in class.
- Instrument
- All assigned music and class method books

Effort Grade

Practice Cards – Each student will receive a practice card. They will indicate their home practice on the card. Parents should sign the card weekly. It will be turned in each lesson, graded, then returned to the student.
Following is our practicing goal.

15-20 minutes a day
A = 90 or more minutes
B = 80 minutes
C = 70 minutes
D = 1 - 60 minutes
F = 0 minutes or no parent signature on practice card

Practice cards are worth 10 points each week. Students may practice for more than 90 minutes and receive extra credit. If a student practices for 2 hours they will receive 15 points and the extra points can go towards missing practice card weeks or toward their participation grade.

I have read and understand the Beginning strings grading policy and give permission for my child to participate in Beginning strings.

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Student Name   Parent Signature