

## Parent Class Information

Welcome to the Black Hills Suzuki School Twinkle Class:

On Tuesday, September 24 at 6:30, we will begin our introductory class for parents only.

All classes will be held at the First United Methodist Church at 7<sup>th</sup> and Kansas City Streets. The parent portion of the course will give you information about the history and philosophy of the Suzuki method. We will also teach you the fundamentals of violin playing, which will help you practice with your child. Each parent will need a full-size instrument and bow to use during Parent Class. Full size violins for parents can be rented or borrowed or purchased. Both parents are welcome at Parent Class.

Beginning on Tuesday, November 4, your children will come with you to classes weekly and learn to manipulate a box instrument (furnished by us) to set up the correct posture for playing. We have found that working first with the box enables the child to become comfortable and secure in playing positions and posture so that transition to the actual instrument is easy.

After several weeks of working with the box, the students will receive their real instruments and begin what we term Twinkle Class, which will continue weekly through May. There will be a few breaks for holidays, etc. scheduled throughout the year. You will receive a full calendar in the Parent Handbook.

Tuition for the Parent Class is \$125 and Twinkle Class will be \$500.00. In addition, there is a \$160.00 materials fee, which will cover costs for the handbook, books and music resources, plus all materials needed for Box and Twinkle Class except the child's instrument outfit.

The total for the Parent and Twinkle Class plus materials is \$785.00 payable in one payment. Or if more convenient, the Parent Class and Materials fee may be paid in one payment of \$285, and the remainder can be made in monthly installments of \$72, November through May. We are happy to discuss alternate arrangements if necessary.

Congratulations for embarking on a wonderful musical journey with your child or children. We look forward to meeting you soon!

Deb Knowles and Charlie Savot