

Things that your child will need this year for orchestra:

- 1) an instrument (see below)
- 2) a method book (see below)
- 3) their school iPad
- 4) pencils

Acquiring an instrument:

I recommend renting an instrument from Heid Music. They have quality instruments, and also offer store credit after a certain amount of time for eventually purchasing an instrument! They also have great customer service, and will help you fix a string if it breaks, tune the instrument up again, fix any damage, etc.

If rental cost is a problem, contact me at adamkorb@hssdschools.org and I can rent you an instrument from the school inventory.

The Method Book:

Sound Innovations Book 1 (blue cover), available at Heid Music or off of Amazon. Around \$9.99.

This is the book that all the 5th graders use! This is a workbook that they will write things in, it is necessary.

Please make sure that the book matches the instrument. Meaning, the violin players should have violin book 1, etc.

Extra Notes:

Why you shouldn't buy an instrument...Yet

There are simple reasons why you shouldn't buy an instrument...yet:

- 1) Your student will grow, we start on fractional sized instruments.
- 2) Your student doesn't know if they will like orchestra yet.
- 3) The instruments that seem like a "good deal" are actually low quality instruments that will not inspire your child to play it.
- 4) Getting a "good deal" instrument into what we call "playing condition" - meaning it works properly - costs hundreds of dollars, 400%-500%+ of the original cost (estimated).

If you still decide to buy an instrument, against this recommendation, please work with Heid Music, or purchase from Shar.