

Suzuki Cello Rules & Reminders - Ms. Nadine Monchecourt (513) 544-6838

1. Please do not take or make cell phone calls or text during lessons, recitals and concerts. Turn off the ringer and silence the phone. It is okay to video record with the Teacher's permission.
2. Have a journal for taking cello notes (this is better than taking notes on the phone). Text me a picture of your lesson notes before your lesson please. Texting your notes the morning of lessons is ideal.
3. Please be a silent cheer leader during lessons (please do not give your child reminders, hum notes for your child or give any clues or hints). I need to know what a student remembers on their own. I know it is hard to be silent.
4. Text me asap if you are going to miss a private lesson or group lesson. 513 544-6838.
5. The Group Lesson Schedule is posted at www.suzukicps.org. Group Lessons are held at Walnut Hills High School. **Attendance at group lessons is very important** for ensemble blending skills. Blending can only be learned during group lessons. Use the following address in your GPS to get to Walnut Hills High School Parking Lot D: 1515 Jonathan Ave 45207 (This is the house across the street from the Lot D parking lot. Remember your child's cello chair and rockstop please.

Group Lessons Timing

9:00 Bk 3 - 5

9:45 Twinkles - PM

10:30 LLA Bk 1 - BK 2

11:15 New (**starting Oct 2**)

Select Saturdays

Sept 18

Oct 2 & 16

Nov 6 & 20

Dec 11

Jan 8 & 22

Feb 12 & 26

Mar 5 & 19

April 9 & 23

May 7

6. Come early to lessons, to get ready and so that your child is not hurried. Children do not learn well in a hurried state. It is probably best to unpack and tune the cello for your child on your private lesson day and then get your child. After the lesson, take your child directly back and then come back to the lesson area to pack up the cello. (I do not want your child to miss more time from their classroom.) However, for group lessons, come early and have your child unpack, rosin and tune (not first year students yet). Please have your child's nails trimmed weekly.
7. For any online lessons, please position yourself behind your child on their left hand side. It is important to be there for your child taking notes during online lessons.
8. Parents, it is your responsibility to have the **Suzuki Music playing daily** in the child's environment. It is also your responsibility to practice on most days with your child, so that they are ready for lessons.
9. Helpful Tools:
 1. Helping Parents Practice (Parent Education book - Amazon or google it)
 2. Amazing Slow Downer (an app that can slow down the speed of songs without changing the pitch)
 3. Tuner App (I use Cleartune) - watch several YouTube videos to help learn how to tune a cello
 4. Metronome App (I use MetroTimer)