



# RACHEL A. SCHLESINGER

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## Welcome to Helping Hands through Violin Group Class

Through violin, and music as a whole, comes expression of the most personal sentiments by affecting deep within oneself in a way that nothing else can. When learning music, a child also learns valuable skills such as communication, expression, physical coordination, critical thinking, memorization, organization, concept association, and language development. This is an 8 week program where your child will learn about playing violin and music.

### Class Objectives

- Students will be able to hold a violin and bow with correct playing posture.
- Students will be able to play open strings and use first finger on all strings.
- Students will be able to play simple melodies.
- Students will be able to describe, act out, play, and sing to music.
- Students will be able to read quarter note and half note rhythms in written notation

### Materials Your Child Needs

Violin  
Bow  
Violin and Bow Case

Shoulder Rest or Sponge  
Violin Rosin

### Schedule of Classes

#### **Class 1 [insert date and time]**

- Holding the violin
- Plucking open strings part 1

#### **Class 2:**

- Holding the violin review
- Plucking open strings with rhythms
- Listening and describing music

#### **Class 3:**

- Plucking open string with rhythms part 2
- Reading rhythmic pictures part 1
- Parts of the violin

#### **Class 4:**

- Reading rhythmic pictures part 2
- Singing and playing violin part 1

#### **Class 5:**

- Silent rhythms –rests part 1
- Singing and playing violin part 2

#### **Class 6:**

- Silent rhythms –rests part 2
- Music is loud and soft (dynamics)

#### **Class 7:**

- Dynamics review
- Melodic contours, high and low pitches

#### **Class 8:**

- Melodic contours review
- Expanded rhythm –quarter notes and half notes part 1

#### **Class 9:**

- Expanded rhythm part 2



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- Introduction to notated rhythms
- Continue plucking open strings with different concepts

## **Class 10:**

- Introducing bow hold part 1
- Notated rhythms part 2

## **Class 11:**

- Introduction to bow hold part 2
- Notated rhythms part 3

## **Class 12:**

- Introduction to bow hold review
- Playing violin with first finger
- Learning a song open strings, first finger, and bow

## **Class 13:**

- Movement to musical forms (AB)
- Learning a song part 2

## **Class 14:**

- Learning a song part 3
- Review of rhythm, bow hold, string names

## **Class 15:**

- Learning a song part 4
- Practice performance / demonstration

## **Class 16:**

- Extra review TBD
- In-class performance and demonstration for parents

## Attendance, Late Arrival, and Leaving Early

- If you know your child will be absent from a class please email me at [Ms.RachelSchlesinger@gmail.com](mailto:Ms.RachelSchlesinger@gmail.com) or call me at 505-977-8319 as soon as you know.
- If your child comes in late please have your child put their instrument in the instrument area and wait quietly for me to invite them into the activity.
- If you know your child must leave a class early please let me know before class starts and excuse yourselves when you need to leave.
- *There are no refunds for missed classes.*

## Contact Information

- Rachel Schlesinger
- Email: [Ms.RachelSchlesinger@gmail.com](mailto:Ms.RachelSchlesinger@gmail.com)
- Phone: 505-977-8319 (texts and calls accepted)
- Website: [www.RachelSchlesinger.wix.com/music](http://www.RachelSchlesinger.wix.com/music)

## Sitting In Classes

Unless it is an emergency, medical or otherwise, please refrain from talking to your child or any of the students while the class is in session. It can be distracting to me and other students and disrupts the learning process. If you need to use a cell phone or make any noise please quietly leave the room and quietly return when done. Thank you!



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**PLEASE SUBMIT THIS PAGE BEFORE THE FIRST CLASS**

## Tuition and Payment *(select one)*

For 16 Classes Tuition Cost is \$120.00

- ONE PAYMENT of \$120.00 due by (insert class 1 date)
- TWO PAYMENTS of \$60.00 due by (class 1) & (class 8)
- THREE PAYMENTS of \$40.00 due by (class 1) & (class 6) & (class 11)

For 8 Classes Tuition Cost is \$70.00

- ONE PAYMENT of \$70.00 due by (insert class 1 date)
- TWO PAYMENTS of \$35.00 due by (class 1) & (class 8)

- Acceptable forms of payment are cash and check.
- A fee of \$10 will be charged for any tuition payment received more than seven days after the due date

## Contact Information

**Your name and relationship to the child:**

**Your child's name:**

**Your child's birth date:** \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone:** ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

**Work Phone:** ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

**Email:**

**Best way to contact you:**

By signing my name below, I certify that I have read the above information. Any questions concerning these policies have been discussed. My signature also certifies my understanding of and an agreement with the above policies. I understand I am responsible for all charges and protocol mentioned above. A photocopy of this document is as valid as the original.

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Parent or Guardian's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date