**Fiddle Lessons 2016/17 School Year**

**What You Need:**

* **Fiddle & Bow**

Violins can be purchased at a music store or online (Amazon, Craigslist, EBay) or rented at Dorsey Music in Nampa. Remember, the quality of the fiddle is not extremely important when you are just beginning! David from Dorsey Music is very helpful, and I would suggest stopping by and letting him measure the student for which size you need.

* **Shoulder Rest**

These can be purchased either online or at a music store. Just look for one corresponding to the size of fiddle you have.

* **Rosin**
* **Three-ring Binder and Plastic Sheet Protectors**
* **A Notebook**
* **Recording Device**

Most students use their free voice-recording app on their phone or iPod. Or you can purchase a recording device online or at Staples.

* **Cheerful Spirit**

You’re never fully dressed until you wear a smile! ☺ ☺

**Payment Plan & Schedule:**

* **Cost:** $40 per month. Payments are expected at the beginning of each month and may be cash or check.
* **Schedule:** I try to be as flexible with your schedule as possible, but typically only do one of these two options:
* 30-minute lessons once a week. A half hour each week for four weeks of each month. This totals to two hours of lesson time each month.
* 1-hour lesson every other week. This option provides lessons for only two weeks out the month, still totaling two hours of lesson time by the end of the month. This makes progress a little more difficult, with longer time periods in between lessons, but often works better for busy schedules.
* **Week Days:** All Lessons are on Mondays or Fridays. Although this is generally the best day for me, special arrangements can sometimes be made if needed.
* **Make-up Lessons.** Since I am still in high school and have a job, flexibility is difficult! Therefore, if *the student* must miss a lesson for some reason, lesson charges will still be applied. It is up to you whether or not you would like to schedule a make-up lesson. A make-up lesson would involve scheduling extra time or an extra lesson to “make-up” for the one that was missed. On the other hand, if **I** must miss a lesson for some reason, you will not be charged for the missed lesson and I will arrange my schedule to accommodate a follow-up session.
* **Lessons follow the School Year.** Lessons usually begin in August or September and end around May or June. I am willing to go through the summer if so desired.
* **Fun Performances!** Each year at Christmas time, my students, brothers, and I visit the local nursing home and play Christmas songs for the elderly. They look forward to us coming every year, and we have such a great time playing for them! Often there are other opportunities to play in front of an audience throughout the year as well. Performances are optional, but not an experience you will want to miss! It’s a great way to build confidence and be a blessing and light to others.