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**St. Peter PreK3, PreK4 and Kindergarten**

**Suzuki Violin Program 2019 – 2020**

The PreK3 through Kindergarten Program is an outreach **extracurricular** program designed to offer children at the earliest of ages the opportunity to take Suzuki Violin. During these early years the young child is at their peak in **brain development.** Science has seen the **academic advantages** of children who have studied violin during these early years. The studies have show that it enhances their **academic retention, social skills and self-discipline/awareness**. If you are not sure what Suzuki Violin is, please don’t hesitate to contact me for more information at lsypawka@gmail.com

**PreK3 – Introduction to Pre-Twinkle (Box Violin provided by school)**

* Children will learn the basic process of how to hold the violin (with a box violin – provided) while being taught rhythms and songs that will later be played.
* The children will be learning pitch, rhythm, and many fine motor-control tasks that will be used when playing violin.
* Through this first Pre-Twinkle year the children will develop skills that will help with focus and concentration.

***If you take the PreK3 class, you are guaranteed a spot in the PreK4 Class the following year.***

**PreK4 – Pre-Twinkle (Violin provided by school)**

* This class will be taught at two levels: One class for the ones who had the PreK3 training and one class for those who did not. PreK3 is not a requirement but encouraged if you are in the PreK3 program the year before.
* Children will learn how to play the real violin and all the rhythms and songs. If this is the first year, the classes will consist of both Introduction and Pre-Twinkle training.
* Classes will consist of pitch, rhythm, and fine motor-control tasks that will be used while playing violin.

***If you take the PreK4 class, you are guaranteed a spot in the Kindergarten class. In Kindergarten you must purchase your own violin. Guidance will be given for this process.***

**Kindergarten – Suzuki Small Group Training (violin needed-provided by parents)**

* This class will be taught at two levels: One class for the ones who had the PreK4 training and one class for those who did not.
* Children will learn how to play the real violin and all the rhythms & songs. If this is the first year, the classes will consist of both Intro and Pre-Twinkle training as above in the Prek3 & PreK4.
* The child must provide their own instrument. Guidance will be provided.

***After Kindergarten the child will be well on their way for Private Lessons from one of our many local Suzuki Teachers. Guidance will be provided in selecting on that best fits your child’s needs.***