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## HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD SUCCEED IN BAND

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Grade 5

### **TIP #1: ORGANIZATION & HOMEWORK**

Make sure their instruments are in school for the 2-3 days needed, and make sure it is home the rest of the week.

Students should be playing no less than 15 minutes per day trying to make a sound, figure out how the instrument works, and working on my homework assignments. Ask them to show you what they're working on with me, and email me if they have questions about it.

[CLICK HERE FOR A HELPFUL SCHEDULE](#)

### **TIP #2: SUPPORT THEIR STRUGGLES**

Help me reinforce to students that it's OK to be struggling right now. At this point in the year, some kids will want to give up because it's not as easy as they assumed it would be. It is normal for them to be squeaking, squawking, and frustrated. Continue to show support and reinforce that the hard work they put in now will pay off very soon.

### **TIP #3: VIDEO LESSONS FOR AT HOME PLAYING**

I have made videos for every beginning instrument, meant for students to use at home AND for you to watch with them. You will be able to better understand what they are learning in school and how to help them with it.

These free videos cover the first few weeks of our curriculum and can be found here:

[WWW.BASICBAND.INFO](http://WWW.BASICBAND.INFO)

## IN OUR CURRICULUM

**This month** we have been working on putting the instrument together, making a sound, and proper care and maintenance of the instruments. In the large band rehearsals we have been collaborating together for a common goal: starting and stopping sounds together, accurately performing rhythms, singing known songs and learning new ones, and coming into our own as this year's 5th Grade Band. It is a team effort and your child is an important part of that.

**October** we work more on what it means to *listen* beyond simply *hearing*. We will have the technical ability to start turning the songs we sing with our voices into the songs we play on our instruments; they will begin to discover their new voices. Basic music reading will begin to be introduced.

## FIRST PERFORMANCE

### "Window Into the Classroom" Concert

Thursday, November 20, 2014

5:30 PM

BMMS Gym

Happening immediately before parent/teacher conferences, this will be our first chance to demonstrate what they've learned and how they've learned it.

## THIS MONTH'S ARTICLE

Playing a musical instrument has many benefits and can bring joy to you and to everyone around you. This article will provide you with 18 benefits of playing an instrument (in no particular order) and will hopefully give you a better sense of appreciation and pride for music.

## Read the article:

[18 Benefits of Playing a Musical Instrument](#)

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