

4th Grade Strings Home Practice Guide #2—VIOLAS
Due the Week of February 2, 2015

Honor Orchestra

Your child has an opportunity to audition for the Capistrano Unified School District 4th Grade Honor Orchestra. Audition material is on pages 24-26 in our textbook and ALL SONGS will need to be **memorized** by the end of February. Auditions will take place during normal class time. In addition to song mastery, students will be selected based on tone quality, posture, and proper position. Two to four students are selected per school for this prestigious group. If your child is selected, there is one short, evening rehearsal the week before the concert. The concert will be on a Saturday in March 2014.

Benchmark Songs

During the 2nd Learning Cycle, your child will be learning 7 basic songs that we will call “4th Grade Benchmark Songs.” When listening and watching your child, listen for a good sound (tone quality) and look for proper playing position and good posture. Your child should be able to play each of the songs along the following timeline:

January: Mary Had a Little Lamb, Mary Doubles, & some of Twinkle

February: Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star, Twinkle Variation, French Folk Song, &
Tuneful Tune

March: Ode to Joy

All 7 songs need to be memorized for a parent demonstration assembly in late March/early April.

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