Suzuki Parent’s Equipment List

Violin/Viola
- Notebook to take notes in during lessons and group classes.
- Recording device – iPod, phone, flip video, or video camera.
- Suzuki Method Book 1 (printed music).
- Listening CD of the Suzuki Method Volume 1. May be purchased at the Suzuki Office.
- Soft cloth for cleaning the instrument
- Nail clippers
- Eventually a violin outfit! Never make a final purchase on an instrument until it has been approved by your teacher. Please do not use the instrument until the teacher instructs you to do so.

Cello (in addition to the list above):
- Chair of proper height
- Rock stop or rug

Voice
- CD player
- Blank CDs
- Suzuki Voice recording
- Suzuki Voice book and accompaniment
- Notebook

Piano
- Piano in good repair (rentals available from Mitchell Piano Works)
- Suzuki Piano School Volume 1 recording
- Suzuki Piano School Volume 1 printed music
- Notebook exclusively for piano lessons
- CD player (with variable pitch if possible)
- Adjustable bench (or carpet samples to adjust seated height)
- Adjustable footstool exclusively for use at the piano (a stable crate or box will work)
- Nail clippers

Care of the Piano
- Have the piano tuned/serviced twice a year (after the heat comes on, and after it goes off)
- Prevent exposure to sunlight
- Control humidity within a 10-20% range
- Absolutely no foods or liquids at the piano (this includes a vase of fresh flowers)

Suggested Reading Materials
- Nurtured by Love, by Dr. Suzuki
- Ability Development from Age Zero, by Dr. Suzuki
- To Learn with Love, by Bill Starr
- The Genius of Simplicity, by Linda Wickes
- How to Get Your Child To Practice…Without Resorting to Violence, by Cynthia V. Richards (Advance Publications, Provo, Utah, 1985)