

Band Letter 3: Oct 1st and 2nd, 2014

Dear Band Parents,

Your children are starting to learn the first notes on their instruments this week – it's very exciting!!

The **lesson assignment** for this week is:

- Standard of Excellence Book: Page 4* – some students may be moving on to pages 5 and 6 if they are ready.

*While these pages are exciting to get started on for most students, they can also be frustrating for some...please show your encouragement this week when your students practice!

They may not hit all the right notes or even have a clear tone coming out of their instrument yet, but they are still practicing the important skills of putting together and holding their instruments, making the shape of their embouchure and now learning new fingering/sticking combinations!

We had a great **rehearsal** this morning in the gym – we worked on following the conductor on 4/4, 2/4 and 3/4 beat patterns with clapping as well as played tones on our instruments. We continued our work with rehearsal etiquette and procedures.

Have a wonderful week and please email with any questions!

Warm Regards,
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