

To all parents of 3rd 4th and 5th grade scholars,

We are doing well in class and moving along at a good pace. I know there has been some confusion due to a shortage of instruments and supplies. Due to this, to be fair I will not give low grades for not having instruments this week or until we get this resolved. My concern however is that some who do not have instruments and methods books yet are going to struggle to get caught up, this being the third week.

Immediate needs are as follows;

3rd grade must have two soprano recorders. One is to be kept in the music room and one at home to practice.

I recommend Yamaha brand. I myself just bought a new Yamaha because the one I had bought was out of tune with the rest of the class. The ones that Milano Music sold on meet the teacher night, are fine. They are in tune. Guitar Center has some recorders. Walmart has Yamaha recorders you can order for free in store delivery. Milano Music may still be out of recorders.

4th and 5th grade band must have the instrument they chose and the “Accent on Achievement” methods book for that instrument. Here is the Milano Music link for band instrument methods books.

<https://lintonmilanomusic.com/accent-on-achievement-book-1/>

4th and 5th grade strings must have the instrument they chose and the “Essential Elements for Strings” methods book for that instrument. Here is the Milano Music link for the methods book for strings.

<https://lintonmilanomusic.com/orchestra-methods/essential-elements/essential-elements-for-strings-book-1/>

Here is the link to rent both band and strings instruments. You will see your choices at the top links of this page. Band will use the brass, woodwind or percussion links. Strings of course use the strings link.

<http://milanomusic.com/rentals/beginning-band/>

All scholars starting with the 3rd grade must have a set of the Alfred brand Complete Color Coded Flash Cards. We have a box of the last that Milano Music had. They are \$ 6.50 each set. They should be kept for use for the upcoming years at Odyssey.

I am getting information that there may be a shortage of methods books at milanomusic.com . One young scholar informed me that he chose saxophone because they were out of trumpets.

If Milano Music is out of what you need you can still identify which book or instrument you need and find it elsewhere.

Milano Music has been good to us and is working hard to get us everything we need. I understand some of the materials they supply were on back order.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Up to this point, no harm done as we have been learning how the instruments are laid out and organized. We have been studying major scale and melody theory to help when we start reading the music out of the methods books. Soon however we will need to have our methods books each time we meet.

Thanks again,

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