

Suzuki Parent Basics

Listen: The “mother-tongue method” is based on imitation. Play the recordings as much as possible. Even at a very low volume the repetition can do wonders.

Praise: Humans, especially children, thrive on praise and positive reinforcement. Always find something to acknowledge as well done (especially effort!)

Repetition: Learning is an uneven process, and sometimes even seems to go backwards. Repetitive practice is valuable and can therefore be tolerated when the goal is clear.

Involvement: The environment to learn is set by the parents. Set an example, create a physical and temporal space for learning, and support (and even push a bit) when necessary.

For more information, check out some of the books by Dr Suzuki available at several online music stores and browse the SAA (Suzuki Association of the Americas) website.