

# What you need before class begins:

*I strongly recommend renting a properly sized violin or viola, bow and case. Please talk to me about owning vs. renting. These shops are always well stocked and helpful; please support them!*

Lashof Violins  
Gaithersburg, MD  
301-330-2606  
lashofviolins.com  
lashofviolins@yahoo.com

Potter's Violins  
Bethesda, MD  
800-317-9452  
pottersviolins.com  
mailus@pottersviolins.com

SHAR  
sharmusic.com  
Ann Arbor, MI

Johnson String Instrument  
johnsonstring.com  
Boston, MA

Gailes Violin Shop  
College Park, MD  
301-474-4300  
gailesviolin.com  
email@gailesviolin.com

Prodigy Instruments  
Bowie, MD  
888-289-9877  
prodigyinstruments.com  
robert@ProdigyInstruments.com

Perrin & Associates Fine Violins  
Baltimore, MD  
410-539-0043  
perrinviolins@verizon.net

## *Supplies to be kept in the case, lesson bag or at home*

rosin (preferably Bernadel or Hill brands)

cleaning cloth (available at most music stores)

quality shoulder rest (Kun or Everest are good options; for young beginners the grey shaped sponge at Perrin's Violins is best)

Suzuki Violin or Viola School Book 1 cd or iTunes downloads (start listening right away!)

nail clippers in the case (keep trimmed nails for optimum posture, technique and tone!)

notebook for taking notes, and a lesson bag to carry all supplies that don't fit in the case

a calendar and stickers for tracking practice days (keep at home)

set of 10 - 20 small objects for repetitive practice (what I call a "counting kit", keep at home)

## *Soon you will also need*

Suzuki Violin or Viola School book 1 (violin/viola part, revised edition, also available on iBooks)

I can Read Music for Violin or Viola, book 1 by Joanne Martin

All for Strings Music Theory Workbook for violin or viola, book 1

music stand

tuning fork or tuner

metronome