

5th Grade Band Expectations

1. Students are expected to bring their instrument, book, and music to each band class and to their lessons.
2. Students are to expected to practice forty-five minutes a week (Do NOT let this add up... keep practicing each week so that you don't have to practice 235 minutes in a week at the end of the midterm.)
 - a. A parent signature must accompany practice times.
 - b. Practice times will be collected each week during the first band class of the week.
 - c. I will send reminders home to the students the week before midterm and the week before the end of the quarter to remind them how many minutes they still owe me.
3. Parent Reminders:
 - a. Please remember that beginning instrumental students need a ton of encouragement.
 - b. Sometimes your child must practice loud to develop good tone
 - c. Help your student find a comfortable place in which to practice
 - d. Help remind your child that a musical instrument is not a toy. They are very fragile - precision instruments.
 - e. Every instrument has periods in the learning process that will be difficult. Continue to encourage and praise them for the progress they have already made.
 - f. Please make sure that your child's instrument is labeled with their name.
4. Communication is very important. If you or your student has any concerns please let me know so I can help your child. Please feel free to call or email me anytime.
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 - b. Home Phone – 366-5359
 - c. School Email – josmith@sfcss.org

