

Welcome to Abingdon Strings.

General Goals of Strings Classes over 4th and 5th grade:

Technique:

1. Play with a relaxed bow arm and relaxed bow hand.
2. Play with a smooth and gorgeous tone.
3. Feel comfortable and relaxed.
4. Develop excellent left hand technique.
5. Play in an ensemble while watching and listening to others.

Reading:

1. Read the notes of the D major scale from open D -> up one octave.
2. Read whole, half, quarter, eighth notes and their rests.

Repertoire:

1. Twinkle, Twinkle Little Stars Theme and Variations.
2. Lightly Row
3. French Folk song
4. Song of the Wind
5. Oh Come Little Children
6. Go Tell Aunt Rhody
7. May Song
8. Long, Long Ago
9. Allegro
10. Perpetual Motion

Students will move through the repertoire at their own best rate of speed.

Other songs such as folk songs: Cripple Creek, The Wind that Shakes the Barley.

Students should practice every day once they have learned how to hold the instrument and how to practice effectively. Many strings students continue to play in our Arlington Public Schools, award-winning Middle and High School Orchestras.