

# My First Instrument — ages 5 - 7 yrs old

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My First Instrument is designed to prepare students before entering into the private lesson program on any instrument. It is recommended (although not required) that younger students take one semester of Music-ssori before entering into the My First Instrument class.

My First Instrument exposes students to the foundations of learning music through classroom level note reading, rhythm comprehension, and tonal pitch relationship. Students focus on learning the recorder as a means to learn reading treble clef, incorporating rhythm into musical expression, and understanding basic concepts of phrasing.

Additionally, students are exposed to various instruments including the piano, violin, cello, voice, wind, and brass — with the purpose of allowing children to make an informed decision concerning the instrument they will eventually commit to playing.

Students will learn simple songs on the recorder, and play them with their classmates to make learning fun and socially stimulating. The core objectives of the class are as follows:

- Exposure to basic classroom notation including rhythm & tonal notation
- Creating a fun learning environment where students learn songs on the recorder, thus immediately applying their musical knowledge to an instrument
- Preparing students to continue on an instrument such as the piano, violin, cello, flute, voice, etc.
- Introduction to various instruments through in-class observation & at-home listening exercises

## **Basic Information**

Length of Class: 50-minutes, weekly

Tuition: \$150 per 8-week semester

At home commitment: 1 hour a week (10+ minutes practice time per day)

Pre-requisites: None (Music-ssori recommended)

Materials Required: My First Instrument package: Recorder Songbook, Music Theory Workbook, Flashcards, Recorder (\$25)