

Plan For The Week: Band
Plan for the week of: 5-25-20

Hello Music Students,

I hope everyone is doing well! I'm missing everyone!

This week, instruments rented from the school should be returned to the front office. **Make sure your name is on the case or a tag.** You also need to return the band book we use in class (Tradition of Excellence or Accent on Achievement). The school will charge you for the book if it is not returned. **Instruments should be returned by Tuesday, June 2.** Please contact me if you are not able to return the instrument by then. You can keep your folder and sheet music if you would like.

If you rent an instrument from Beacock Music, you have a few options: 1) keep the instrument to play over the summer, 2) return the instrument to Beacock Music in Eugene (791 W 8TH Ave Eugene, OR 97402; open to 10-6 Tuesday to Saturday), or 3) return the instrument to FRMS with **tag clearly indicating that the instrument is from Beacock, who rented it, and that you want to return it.**

Since instruments are being returned this week, I am not assigning practice time. However, if you own your instrument or are renting from the music shop for the summer, please let me know if you would like guidance on what to practice! Youtube is a great resource for instrument lessons as well!

Even though we were not able to have our spring concert, I am so proud of each ensemble at FRMS. Each group made huge strides this year, and the level of achievement from the groups was impressive! Your hard work will pay off when you are able to come back together to make music!

Make sure you sign up for band for next year! I sent out an email to 6th and 7th grade students the week of 5-18-20 about music classes for next year. Please let me know if you didn't see that.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Mr. Siegal
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Questions to ask yourself while practicing any music:

- How is my **sound quality**?
 - Am I using enough air?
 - Am I breathing in a good place?
- How is my **expression**?
 - Am I using **dynamics**?
 - Am I using **articulations** (**accents= loud, staccatos= short, marcatos= loud and short**)?
- Are my **rhythms** and **pitches** accurate?
 - Can I clap this rhythm?
 - Do I know the correct fingering for this note?
 - Brass players: Am I on the right **shelf** or **partial**?
 - If not, adjust the **embouchure (lips)**

Practice Skills to Consider

- Clap and count before you play

- Write in the rhythms
- Sizzle and Finger before you play
- Find a recording and listen to the tune or music while you finger the notes and sizzle
- Break down the music into one measure chunks, or even smaller pieces
- Record yourself playing and listen to it for areas to improve

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Who To Ask For Help and How To Reach Them

You can reach Mr. Siegal at csiegal@fernridge.k12.or.us or through Google Voice at 541-241-8995.
