



Greetings Guitar Students and Family,

Welcome to the Sutton Guitar Program! We have a great semester of learning ahead of us. I wanted to touch base and give you an overview of the program. In this course, students participate in a hands-on guitar curriculum. We have been fortunate enough to accumulate an entire set of classroom guitars, so it is not necessary to bring your guitar to school. Having a guitar at home to practice is a crucial part of learning. If your child does not have a guitar at home, please read the attached article: "Parent's Guide to Buying a Guitar".

The guitar program at Sutton is designed to give students a foundational music experience. The method book we are using this year is "FJH Young Beginner Guitar Method (Lesson Book)". If you would like to purchase this for your child to practice at home, it is available at music stores and online (appr. \$6). Some students discover a true music talent in this class. I highly recommend supplementing class instruction with private lessons. If you would like a list of guitar teachers, please contact me.

Students are encouraged to purchase the Guitar Ensemble T-shirt. The cost is \$10, see attached form. These will be worn for in-class performances every "A day" Friday (during the class). Students whose parents have "opted out" of the media release will not be on the video. Additionally, we have a limited number of guitars that are available for 8th graders to check-out to take home. Please return the check-out request form if interested.

Finally, the following items are appreciated for donations: **tissues, hand sanitizer, iTunes gift cards, extra-fine grit sand blocks** (for filing picks), **old credit cards, hotel key cards, gift cards, etc.** (for making picks).

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any specifics-

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