

Strings Summer Assignment 2020

Try to learn a new piece of music!

Find a new piece of music that you like. It can be any style of music, and it can be from any time in history (or it could be from right now). You can learn this music by reading from sheet music, but you can also learn it by ear (without sheet music - using a recording).

Make sure that this music isn't *too* hard. If you can see the written music, check the key signature and rhythms to make sure you can play it. If you don't have the written music, listen to the music and make sure you're confident you can play it.

When you start practicing, make sure you have a strategy.

- If you're reading the music:
 - approach it like we would in class
 - Break it into parts, and work on the rhythms and notes separately
- If you're learning the music by listening to it:
 - try listening to short chunks of the music, then try to play those chunks
 - Once you have a few chunks, try putting them together into larger chunks
 - Stay relaxed and remember that you don't have to learn it in one day, or one week, or one month. Take breaks and come back as often as possible.

When you feel like you're ready, make a recording of yourself (video) playing the music! Say what song/piece you're playing and who it's by.

- Remember, you can record yourself a few times -- it doesn't have to be perfect the first time.

If you want, you can share your new talent with the class in August!