

Beginning Guitar Level 1 - Note to Parents

Materials - All class materials will be handed out by me during class. Please make sure your child brings that material with them each week to class. If they lose any of the handouts you can go to my website and reprint them. www.selftaughtguitarlessons.com Under the Students tab in the menu there will be a listing for their class. There will also be a long mp3's for them to practice the songs and concepts I will be teaching them in class. There should be a comment box at the bottom of the web page for comments and questions. Please ask any questions so there so it will be helpful to other parents.

Goal - The goal of this class is to introduce kids 1st-3rd grades to the guitar as well as to teach them general music concepts and music appreciation. In the class they will learn proper technique, note drills, basic rhythm and simple melody's that everyone knows. We will accomplish all this thru hand outs, music games, TABS (simple play by #'s method) and play a long posted on the web page.

Practice - It is not important how long they practice as much as how often they practice. Twice a day for 10-15 min is ideal. It is doable and their focus is best at the beginning. It is also important that you sit with them and help keep their focus. If they are bouncing off the walls and not focusing, take a break and come back to it. Don't worry if you have zero musical knowledge; the concepts will be easy enough and it will also be helpful for them to teach the concepts back to you.

About me - My name is Jeff Lauffer. I am a professional guitarist and private instructor. I graduated from ASU with a BA in Music back in 2003 and have been teaching and performing in the Valley 97'. I taught private guitar lessons here at SJXXIII when they first opened for 8+ years and have been teaching Enrichment Guitar now for about 3 years.

Pick Up - If your child is not going to after care when the class is over please be on time to pick them up as I have many private lessons to get to immediately after class. We will be in 2C. If you have any general questions related to the class I will be happy to answer them thru the comments box on the web page as stated above. They will be most helpful to everyone there where everyone can see them.

Any other questions are welcome phone or e mail:

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Sincerely,

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