## Private and group lessons

At Issaquah Suzuki Strings, we believe the best way to grow as a musician is through a combination of high-quality, individualized instruction along with the further practice and social aspect provided by participation in group lessons. Commitment to both types of lessons as well as practice at home is essential.

## **Private lessons**

Parental involvement is key to the development of the young musician. Parents should expect to attend weekly private lessons with their child so that they may best assist the learning process at home. As the child matures the role of the parent may change, but our teachers are trained to assist parents in how to best support their budding musician throughout the learning process.

After contacting one of our teachers you will have the opportunity to observe a lesson to see if our program is a good fit for your student and your family.

Students will also need to:

- Rent or purchase a well set up instrument of the appropriate size for your child. Your teacher can assist you in this process.
- Purchase the Suzuki method book and corresponding CD as well as any supplementary music as recommended by your teacher.
- Listen daily to the Suzuki recordings and other high-quality music.
- Find a regular time when both parent and child can practice together at home. Building a habit of daily practice is essential to developing the physical and mental skills necessary in playing an instrument.

## **Group Lessons**

Group lessons are a vital aspect of the Suzuki approach to learning. Your teacher will let you know which of our classes best suits the age and level of your child. Some of the benefits of group lessons are:

- review of previously learned pieces and techniques
- · development of musicianship and ensemble playing
- socialization skills
- · enjoyment of music with others