

Getting Started Successfully in the Jefferson Beginning Band

- 1.) The first assignment is to watch/listen (with an adult at home) to all video lessons on your band book DVD or if you have the second edition download software on the internet with the license code on the back cover of your book. *This must be done as soon as you start playing at home.* Follow the instructions on the DVD/internet and play with the DVD/internet. Do not try to play anything else until this has been done.
- 2.) Go to the Beginning Band Bootcamp handout and watch their videos on how to get started. (I can send it on remind if you wish that way you could easily click the url)
 - a. Lesson 1.1 Assembly and hand placement
 - b. Lesson 1.2 Cleaning and Maintenance
 - c. Lesson 1.3 Reading a Fingering Chart
 - d. Lesson 1.4 Embouchure and the beginning notes
- 3.) Take care of your instrument and instrument case. NEVER put your band book or folder in your case. Please put your band book in your folder.
- 4.) Practice each night for at least 20 minutes and record your time on your practice record (PR). Make sure that Mom or Dad sign your PR once a week. You will turn it in once a week in the appropriate slot (A1, B1, B2, B3) for your band class in the grey file cabinet in the band room. Once you have turned in a PR then pick up another copy for the next week to put in your folder.
- 5.) Use your book/DVD/internet for reference. I cannot be with you at home so when you have questions, look for answers in the book or DVD. New notes are in green, terms and symbols are in yellow, vocabulary and theory are in purple and rhythm and meter counting is in blue. Fingering chart/position chart is on the front cover.
- 6.) Remember to come to class prepared everyday. (instrument, band book, band folder, pencil, positive attitude. Specific instrument supplies as well such as: reeds, ligature, valve oil, drum sticks, swab, etc.) You get points for participation every day so plan ahead.