

## String “PLAY” class advancement criteria

### String Play - Level I

#### Ages 7-8

Students can already:

- N/A, this is for beginners

Student will learn:

- Holding the violin
- Playing pizz, and arco open strings
- Naming open strings
- Placing left hand fingers



### String Play - Level II

#### Ages 7-8

Student can already:

- Hold the violin and bow properly
- Play open strings accurately
- Play simple song by memory (Hot Cross Buns, Twinkle Twinkle, etc)

Students will learn:

- More easy songs (French Folk Song, Ode to Joy, etc)
- Basic note-reading (quarters on D and A strings)

### String Play - Level III

#### Ages 7-8

Student can already:

- Play a number of songs, with good rhythm, intonation, and tone (Twinkle, French Folk)
- Read quarter notes on D and A strings

Students will learn:

- More songs (up to about Suzuki 1, Allegro)
- Reading blank notes (no written letters or numbers), eighth notes.

### String Play - Level IV

Student can already:

- Play the first half of Suzuki 1 (or equivalent), with good rhythm, intonation, and tone
- Read blank notes, in quarter and eighth notes

Students will learn:

- More songs, including songs in G maj, C maj (up to the end of Suzuki 1)
- Playing in parts (rounds, Suzuki duets)
- Reading F natural and C natural, slurs