This year, our first graders are learning about musical instruments and their families. They have the opportunity to bring in an instrument and share it briefly with the class. It can even be something as simple as a kazoo or train whistle. Here are a couple things to keep in mind:

1) Wait until we have introduced that family of instruments before bringing in the instrument. In September we are talking about Woodwinds, so any time during or after September they can bring in a woodwind. We will begin Brass in November, Strings in January, and Percussion in March.

2) Please limit it to no more than one instrument at a time. Students can bring in several instruments throughout the year if they wish.

3) This takes place during their music time only, so please make sure they are bringing in the instrument on the day they have music. (1A Fridays, 1B Mondays). If it is a Mass day, the show and tell might be postponed a week due to time constraints.

4) The student doesn’t have to know how to play a song on it, but will be asked to demonstrate at least how to make a sound with the instrument.

5) They can say things about the instrument, for example, where did they get it, how long have they had it, what is it made of, etc. It may help to practice this at home.

6) If the instrument does not belong to them, they need to ask permission of the owner to bring it in (especially if it is a sibling’s).

7) If you know how to play an instrument the children would love to have YOU share your talents with your child’s class, please contact me via e-mail or phone and we can schedule a time. You don’t have to be great. The students would enjoy hearing any songs you can play.

8) For our piano/keyboard players, I suggest they learn a simple song, bring in their music and play on one of my keyboards in March or April when we discuss Percussion instruments.

This is an optional activity, not a requirement. I want this to be a fun opportunity for your child to speak in front of his/her classmates and also a chance for the class to see a wide variety of instruments. Please contact me if you have any questions. pfrazier@sjrcs.org

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