

# Living Room Concert Information

Dear 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Families,

October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

At the beginning of each week, your child will be receiving a “Living Room Concert” assignment in band class. The assignment will always be due during your child’s first band class of the following week (generally a Monday or Tuesday). For each Living Room Concert, your child will be assigned a song or exercise to practice for the week, and then they will perform that song at home for you (after they have practiced it on their own). While you listen, you are kindly asked to fill out a sheet where you rate specific components of their performance and provide your signature. You do not need any knowledge of music to do this – please simply fill out the sheet to the best of your ability. Your child will not be graded whatsoever on what you give them as a rating, so please be truthful. My focus is that they are practicing at home, and that they are performing for you. The rating will simply tell me what they may be struggling with, and will show me what we need to work more on in class. You may also provide a comment at the bottom of the sheet if you wish, which could be about their performance, or a note to me with a question or concern.

A new Living Room Concert will be assigned every week, starting this week. I will always upload copies of each assignment to your child’s Google Classroom page, so if your child ever loses the copy they received in band class, you can print another one from there. Extra paper copies can also be taken from the binder in the band hallway at any time. The grading is simple – if your child passes it in on time, they get full credit (100). If they pass it in late, they will receive five points off (95). If it has not been turned in yet, it will be listed as a 0 until it is passed in. I will accept late Living Room Concerts until the end of each quarter. If you ever want to know which assignments your child has passed in to me and which are still missing, you can look on PowerSchool. I will try to update grades every week.

I expect that your child will practice for at least 5 minutes every day at home. Practicing may include working on the songs I assign in class, or simply playing their instrument for fun. The more frequently they play their instrument, the faster they will progress and build muscle memory. My hope is that the Living Room Concerts will be a fun way to motivate students to practice at home, and to show you what they are learning. The performance and rating should only take a few minutes of your time each week. If it takes much longer, please remind your child to practice the assigned song on their own before they perform it for you so that they aren’t learning their notes in front of you. If you have any questions or concerns about these assignments, please feel free to contact me!

Sincerely,

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