We offer three large performing arts groups that your child will have the opportunity to participate in during the daily Activity Period.
Orchestra, Choir and Band are the performing arts options your child can choose from.

The Activity Period is scheduled daily from 3:00 - 3:40.
The strings program consists of: one to two large group lessons, two activity period large group sectionals, and one full orchestra rehearsal a week.
The day your child is assigned to music is the day they will need to bring their instrument and music to school.

(A, B or C day)
A rotation calendar for the whole year is provided on page 22 of the student agenda as well as on the Orchard website.
Activity Period will remain on a Monday thru Friday Schedule.

The students will be assigned three activity times a week based on the instrument they choose.

Check your child’s agenda to see what days they need to have their instrument at school.

Gentle reminders may be needed at first.
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String Instruments Offered

- violin
- viola
- cello
- String Bass
String students will be working from the Essential Elements 2000 book for home and school instruction.

Your child will need to purchase the book at Academy Music in Solon (Station St. near the post office) or online.

We will also use the Orchestra Expressions (book 1) as a class instruction resource. I have a set of these for the students to use.
Class Expectations

- Students are expected to practice their assignments daily at home.
- Practice sheets are sent home to guide their practice and check points are on the bottom so I can quickly check for understanding.
- Please remind your child to show the practice sheet. Some of these need to be signed when I am sending home important information for you to see.
- If your child is falling behind, I will send you an e-mail.
- If any other issues come up, I’ll be sure to contact you.
All string students need to be sized!

If your child is playing a string instrument, they will need to be sized for the correct instrument during their music class this week.

Most students start out on a ½ or ¾ size instrument at this level.

Very small students may use 1/8 or ¼ size instrument.
Cello and String Bass students will be assigned school instruments for school instruction. They will leave their rented instruments at home to practice on.

Students will bring their cello to school if it is out of tune or needs to have finger tapes put on.

String Bass students, I will come to your house to put tapes on your instrument and tune it. Please e-mail me when you have the instrument at home, so I can make arrangements for a home visit.
String Orchestra
Concerts are
January 30th and
April 23rd
Please send me an email if your child has been taking private lessons because I need to hear them to place them properly.

This way I will have your contact information and can let you know their schedule.

Advanced students will have the opportunity to:

Help teach
Start a new instrument
Play with the other advanced students at Orchard
Independent practice time
Questions regarding the strings program can be answered by emailing Mrs. Matras at tmatras@solonboe.org

The district has all voice-mails forwarded to e-mail.
Choir

- Choir is open to any student who wishes to sing. They rehearse in the gym two or three times a week.

- Choir concerts will be on December 10th and May 7th at 7 p.m. in the Solon High School Auditorium.
Choir Members can Audition for Ensemble

• Ensemble is an auditioned-select group of 5th and 6th grade students who meet before the school day begins. Only choir members may audition for the Orchard Ensemble.
• Ensemble Audition sheets will be distributed during choir activity periods.

• All questions may be sent via email to Mrs. Kleman at hkleman@solonboe.org.
Participating in Strings and Band

- If your child wants to do band and strings, they must take an outside private lesson on one of the instruments.
- Students who take their band lesson outside school will come to strings during music time.
- Students who take their string lesson outside school will go to the band lesson at music time.
- This will allow for the student to have three band and three strings rehearsals.
Encouragement and a Quiet Place...
Please be patient and encouraging to your young musician.
Short more frequent sessions will show more results.
If you need to remind your child to brush their teeth and clean their room, then you will need to remind them to practice.
Your child may choose to exit their musical program at the end of the first semester with written permission from you.

If your child does not wish to participate in a musical activity, they will be assigned a visual arts class and study hall during the 3:00 - 3:40 Activity Period.
Thank you all for attending our presentation! We wish everyone a wonderful evening. I will be here to answer any specific questions you might have.
This presentation will repeat...