

Top Ten Reasons to practice your instrument:

10. it's the only homework you get in orchestra!
9. Everyone at home gets to hear what you're learning in class!
8. You can work at your own pace. If music is difficult to learn in class, you can take your time. If it's too easy, you can teach yourself new songs!
7. How great is it that you get to have fun while you do homework?
6. It helps you make those good habits stick. If you learn something new and only do it twice a week, chances are you won't remember to do it the next time!
5. When you play alone, you really learn what you do well and what you need to improve. Sometimes that's hard to do with 30 other people playing at the same time!
4. When you play your instrument, it can make your day better! Making music is a wonderful and creative activity.
3. You will feel more confident in class because you spent time on the songs we are learning.
2. You get to work out the tricky spots privately. You can take all the time you need to get something right and then show all of us what you learned!

And the number one reason to practice is.....

YOU GET BETTER ON YOUR INSTRUMENT!

Practice cards are handed out each month for the month, and are due every Monday (6th grade) or Tuesday (5th grade). Students are only required to practice at least 10 minutes a day, and are graded on the number of days each week they practice. Here is the grading scale:

Practice at least 10 minutes each day/ 6 days=A+	10 minutes each day/3 days=C
10 minutes each day/5 days=A	10 minutes each day/2 days=D
10 minutes each day/4 days=B	Anything less than 2 days=F

I will accept late practice cards for one grade lower. Please do your best to estimate how much your child practiced if you are turning them in late.