

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Due:** 10/25 or 10/26

# Living Room Concert #1

## Band

**Directions:** Ask at least one adult (family members or friends) to be your audience. Politely ask the adult (who must be 18 years or older) to rate your performance (to the best of their knowledge) according to the expectations listed in the rubric below. The evaluating adult may also provide a written comment about your performance, and will provide their signature at the bottom of this page.

**Return this signed paper to Ms. DiMento during your first band class of next week.**

<b>Expectations</b>	<b>Adult Rating</b>	
	They did their best!	Would benefit from a little more practice!
Child put their instrument together carefully, without hurting the instrument, and told the audience about the parts of the instrument.		
Child showed the audience the proper posture for that instrument. (Sitting on the edge of a chair or standing, back straight, both feet flat on the floor, looking straight ahead.)		
Child showed and explained to the audience what proper hand position looks like for their instrument.		
Child showed the audience the three (or more) notes we have learned in class so far, playing them with the most beautiful sound they can make on their instrument so far.		
Child played their instrument for at least 5 minutes every day this past week. <i>(Please encourage them to do so all year!)</i>		

**Adult Comment:**

**Adult Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Living Room Concert Information

Dear Band Parents,

October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Many years ago, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade band students were expected to fill out practice logs each week, showing how much they practiced each day. For the past six years, I have tried something different, and based on parent and student feedback, it has been a big success. At the beginning of each week, your child will be receiving a “Living Room Concert” assignment in class. The assignment will always be due during your child’s first band class of the following week. 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. You will then 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 – simply fill out the sheet to the best of your ability. Your child will not be graded whatsoever on what you gave 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 Living Room Concert to our Galvin Bands website and to your child’s Google Classroom page, so if your child ever loses their Living Room Concert sheet, you can print another copy from those two places. 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). 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 they are missing, you can look on iParent. I will try to update their 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 you have any questions or concerns about these assignments, please feel free to contact me!

Sincerely,

Jenna DiMento

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