Dear Students and Families,

We are starting a new initiative at Salem Hyde and Dr. King schools to improve the level of musicianship and sight-reading. The initiative is for all instrumental students who have obtained the Orange Belt level and above.

Just as students used “sight words” when they were learning to read and write in ELA, we have been using flash cards with notes and rhythms to familiarize kids with our musical language of notes, rests and rhythms. Since our children love their technology, we have accessed a fantastic app known as **“Sight Reading Factory**” to help them gain fluency and enjoyment in the language of music.

We have already been using this site in class for assessment purposes, so students should be familiar with its use already. The opportunity here is to allow them to *work sight reading into their practice sessions at home, and to even submit assessments to the instructor towards the various belt levels.*

**The app is free to students**, and may be accessed on all Apple and Android devices, as well as simply pulling up the site online. When the prompt for student pops up, type in the following characters: cq5r8y

Web Access directions:

1. Go to <https://www.sightreadingfactory.com/student/cq5r8y>
2. Select the appropriate age group.
3. If needed, enter the student code provided by the instructor in the Student Code field (cq5r8y).
4. Complete the registration information

For the app, simply go to the app store on your Apple (IOS) or Android device and search “Sight Reading Factory.”

We invite you to assist your child in accessing this family-friendly, safe app to aid them in their learning.

Cordially,

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