



HELLO!

I am your beginning band instrument to use for the year. I am excited to be your musical partner for the school year and watch you grow, progress, practice on me a little bit every day, have some challenges, celebrate your victories, and have some fun!

Let's go over some basics:

- Do not assemble, play or tinker with or adjust me yet! Please wait until we all learn to do so together in class. (YouTube videos do not count as 'class'...some of them may be wrong and can lead you to damage me.)
- Upon checkout, I will be missing my accessories and any necessary mouthpieces. These are required and important to use before proper assembly. Please don't try to put me together or move any of my parts until you have and use them properly, otherwise you could damage me! You will get these during our first class with instruments.
- I am sturdy but also fragile! Hold me like you would a small baby animal. Never leave me alone on the ground, always hold onto me with at least one hand and never force me to do anything.
- So what CAN you do until our first class together?
 - Practice opening my case up ALWAYS lying flat on the floor, with the thicker side on the bottom, logos facing up/upright, and any latches facing downward before you undo them.
 - Take a look at me and study how I fit into my case! My home is VERY snug and I only fit into it in a very specific way. If you put me in wrong, the case can hurt me, too!
- If you take care of me carefully and consistently I will take care of and work better for you, too!
- Once we begin making music, there are things that you should do daily, weekly, and also monthly.
- For more specifics and information on how to care for me, please visit and study the info for your instrument at redwoodmusic.us/instrumentcare.
- Don't forget to bring me to every class!