



BENTON MIDDLE SCHOOL



Visual and Performing Arts Magnet

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

You are receiving this letter because your child is enrolled in **Percussion Lab** at Benton Middle School. Awesome! I invite you to check out the videos at the following link to get an idea of what to expect from this amazing class: shorturl.at/bpstY

There are a couple things you'll need to get to set up your student for success in our Percussion Lab:

1. If you have not done so already, please visit Imperial Band Instruments or another local music retailer of your choice (they are also available online) and **rent** or **purchase** a **percussion kit** for your student. The percussion kit should include:
 - a. Bells
 - b. Practice pad
 - c. Stand
 - d. Case
 - e. Sticks
 - f. Mallets



There is an example of what that looks like at right.

2. Please also purchase a copy of the book "**Five Minute Drill**" by **Ralph Hicks and Eric Rath**. It can be purchased from Tapspace.com, JWPepper.com, or a number of other sites or stores.

Please make sure that your student has all items above and brings them to school by **next Friday, August 19th**. If you have any questions or concerns about this please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly. The school does have other instruments and books available for your student to borrow at no charge on a first-come, first served basis.

Thank you!

Musically,

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