



PRACTICE TIPS!

- **Make practicing fun!**
 - Purchase Smart Music and play along with the computer!
 - Perform for family and friends!
 - Figure out songs you know using the notes learned!
 - Create your own songs!

- **Practice at the same time every day.**

- **Concentrate on the music rather than the clock.**
 - Beginners usually last about 15–20 minutes
 - 2nd and 3rd year players can last 20–30 minutes).

- **Listen for mistakes and fix them!**
 - Listen to your playing and notice areas that are strong and those that need work.
 - Use your “Productive Practice Strategies” to work through challenges.

- **Practice with a goal in mind.**
 - Once you know where the challenges are, set a goal that keeps you on track to make the improvements.
 - Set a timeline or work on playing with fewer errors each day.

- **Make a special practice area at home.**

- **Parents–Be “nosy”!**
 - Ask what your child learned in lessons/band
 - Make requests to hear music. DLL Band members always take requests!

- **Clean and store the instrument carefully when practice time is over.**