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Dear Beginning Woodwind Students,

We hope you were able to play your instrument the past couple of weeks. Find a quiet spot in your house, set up your music stand, take out your instrument and get ready to play again! Here's your assignment for this week. You can go as far as you want in the book. And let me know how it's going. I'd love to hear from you!

**Warm-up:** Continue your warm-up exercise from last week. On the Daily Warm-ups #86, #87 and #88 try using a metronome to keep a steady beat. Set your metronome to 72 for the quarter note. Play steadily. Make sure your fingers and tongue are staying with the beat. You can experiment with increasing the speed by going up to 90.

**Practice:** Keep up your performance songs #57, #58, #77, #90 and #91. Try out the metronome and set it to different tempos. Start with 72 again and add one number on the metronome each time you play it. For example, start with 72, then 73, 74, 75 etc.

**New challenge:** It's time to learn about slurs. In the yellow box on page 19, you'll see an explanation about slurs. It looks like a tie but connects two or more different notes. You tongue the first note of the slur but not the rest. Play **#95 Smooth Operator and #96 Gliding Along** on page 19. Remember to take a full breath before you start to play.

**Practice Tips:**

Always play with your best tone.

Start with a full breath before you play and let the air out slowly.

Remember to sit or stand without slouching.

**Online Resources in your book:** Don't forget that your book has a student activation number that allows you to access online resources to help you practice. Find your student activation number and follow the directions at the end of the book.

**Are you interested in an online lesson?**

We are offering short online lessons to keep you going on your instrument. Please contact me Ruth Kasckow at [kasckowr\\_music@alflintridge.org](mailto:kasckowr_music@alflintridge.org) and I will get back to you to let you know how to arrange it.

Happy Practicing!

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