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Dear Beginning Woodwind Students,

We hope you were able to play your instrument this week. 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 us know how it's going. We'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 on 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: #95 Ezekiel Saw the Wheel

Read the yellow box about African American spirituals.

Remember to count the rhythm first and then play it.

Practice Tips:

Always play with your best tone.

Check the back of the book if you're not sure about a fingering.

Decide how many times to repeat something to make sure you know it. Try repeating five times.

Metronome: Do you have a metronome? If you don't have a metronome, you can download a metronome app onto a phone or tablet. Or you can google one onto your computer. Try it. It's fun!

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 and I will get back to you to let you know how to arrange it.

Happy Practicing!

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