Each student should bring a folder and guitar tuner to class.

Each student must own and bring to class each week a guitar (it is recommended that for students under 7 years old that they use a ½ size guitar, and preferably a nylon string, acoustic guitar).

It is an expectation that students will practice at home for 5 minutes a day, at least 5 days a week.

Over the course of the semester, students are expected to have accomplished the following skills –

• able to consistently identify left and right hands
• name the fingers on the left hand [index=1, little finger=4]
• hold the guitar in the correct playing position
• good left and right hand techniques so as to be able to produce clear notes
• identify and name parts of the guitar and the strings
• identify folk and popular melodies played them by the instructor

By the end of the semester, it is expected that students can play:

• Wild Thing (on one string), played on each of the 6 strings, different short one string riffs.
• Twinkle, Twinkle (on one string), played on the top 4 strings
• Yellow Submarine, melody and chord roots.
• Stand By Me, played with “half” chords – (G, Em, C, D)
• Open string blues in A and G, be able to sing and memorize the 12-bar progression (I, IV and V chords) playing the roots on open strings. C Jam Blues melody