



Nashville
Symphony



INSTRUMENT PETTING ZOO SOCIAL STORY

A **SYMPHONY** is a large orchestra ensemble that plays different instruments together. A symphony has woodwinds, brass, strings, and percussion instruments in it. The Nashville Symphony is from the city of Nashville, right here in Tennessee!

An **INSTRUMENT PETTING ZOO** is a time where we can go from instrument to instrument, touching and playing with them, just like we would with animals in a petting zoo. I will have the chance to try each of the instruments at the petting zoo and learn about all of them.

WHEN IT IS TIME TO GO TO THE INSTRUMENT PETTING ZOO:

My teacher will let me know when it is time for my class to go to the instrument petting zoo. I will follow my class to the room where the instruments will be. When I get to the room where the instruments are, my classmates will be really excited, and it might be noisy. This is okay. If it gets too noisy for me, I can ask my teacher for help. I will sit down with my class and get ready to hear a story.

WHEN I SIT DOWN:

I will listen quietly while someone from the Nashville Symphony reads me a story about the symphony. I will try to be considerate by being quiet and sitting still while they are reading.

DURING THE STORY:

During the story, I will be shown different instruments. I will hear what they sound like. They might be loud. This is okay. If the music is too loud, I can ask my teachers for help.

AFTER THE STORY:

After I have heard the story and seen the instruments, I will get to play the instruments. I will wait until I'm told which instrument to go to. A symphony volunteer will show me how to play the instrument. I will listen to what they have to say. I will take turns and follow directions. I will share the instruments with my classmates. I will be gentle with the instruments and listen to all instructions given to me by the volunteer. I will get to try a lot of instruments. I will wait until my teacher tells me to move to the next instrument.

There will be lots of instruments being played at once. My classmates will be talking. It might be too noisy. It is okay. If it gets too loud, I can ask my teacher for help.

AS I GET READY TO LEAVE:

When I have tried all the instruments, I will wait for my teacher to tell me when to leave. I will listen to my teacher and they will help me get back to the classroom.