

Figure 3.5. Sample Practice Assignments for Novice Learners

**Novice practice assignment #1**

- Weekly practice log with checkboxes & estimation of time
- Strategies provided by teacher
- Parent signature (optional)
- Playing test date (optional/as applicable)

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<p><b>Strategies:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Woodwinds &amp; Brass: Tizzle &amp; finger before you play</li> <li>2. Percussion: Air sticking (snare) &amp; Finger points (bells)</li> <li>3. Tap your foot and count the rhythms out loud</li> <li>4. Play 1 or 2 measures at a time</li> </ol>																									
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<p>Did you try to play each song at least 3 times?      yes      no</p>																									
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