Bonus: Learn to Strum the <u>Baritone</u> Ukulele During the Nellie Edge Kindergarten Writing Institute—July 19-20, 2018

Do you love to sing with children? Have you often wished you had time to learn an instrument? Bring your baritone ukulele, and learn to strum kindergarten songs!



We have a tradition of teaching baritone ukulele during our Summer Institutes. This is offered free to participants. We will have a ukulele booklet available in June on our TpT store.

Caution! Please don't buy just any old inexpensively-made instrument! And please don't bring a tenor ukulele. (It's a GREAT Hawaiian sound, but it's not what I'll be teaching.) A baritone ukulele is tuned like the last four strings of a folk guitar. Mine is a hand-made Kamaka from Hawaii.

We have found a resource for quality affordable baritone ukuleles in Salem, OR. The technicians there season and adjust them before selling so they'll sound and strum just right. You will also want to have a carrying bag (\$19-\$29) to protect your instrument. (I will bring a few loaner ukuleles.) You will be amazed at how QUICKLY we'll get you strumming simple kindergarten songs! Our instruction will be scheduled during breaks and before the first and after the last session, on Friday. It will be very informal—and fun!

I recommend a **Kala**, **Model KA-B** (\$139) or comparable instrument ABC Music 263 Chemeketa St NE, Salem, OR 97301 (503) 363-1641 www.abcmusicsalem.com

If you choose to purchase a baritone ukulele before you come and don't know how to tune it, please find a musical friend who can tune it with you. Then strum and retune several times so the strings are "seasoned." This will save a LOT of time!

An EARLY LESSON invitation for July 12, 2018 from 1:00-3:00: If you make a plan to be in Salem, OR, on Thursday afternoon, July 12th, I will be happy to give you an initial introductory lesson to the baritone ukulele on my instruments in our living room. You must sign-up ahead of time (email me at info@nellieedge.com). I have a few loaner baritone ukuleles. (This introduction is only for baritone ukuleles and limited to teachers preregistered for the Summer Writing Institute. If you choose not to participate in the introduction lesson on July 12th, I'll see you Thursday morning July 19, 2018 and you'll still learn many songs!

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