SIDE BENEFITS OF PRIVATE STUDY

Let's be realistic! Suppose you invest the time and money into a year or more of violin lessons and for one reason or another—ranging from it just not "being their thing" to your child deciding they like another instrument better; to sports wins out and there is no time for anything else—you end up feeling defeated and like it was a wasted investment.

Experience, especially in music, is never a waste.

Even just trying out music for a little while can have tremendous benefits:

- -Improve spatial reasoning
- -Self-discipline
- -Patience
- -Music appreciation
- -The art and value of practice
- -Time management
- -Work ethics
- -Listening skills
- -Reading music helps reading
- -Good work habits
- -Crossover for good math skills
- -Outlets and coping skills for emotions through creativity
- -Teamwork learned by playing in orchestras and ensemble
- -Social skills

Suffice to say, there is always some kind of "silver lining."