

Period: _____ PJ #: _____ Name: _____

(Read both sides of this paper.)

What does a volleyball player and reeds have in common?



They have to rotate.

The great thing about volleyball players is that, with the rotation rule, they have to play all the positions on the court. The movement of players

keeps everyone fresh and in the game and keeps everyone's skills sharp. Reeds are the same way. If you rotate reeds, you allow your reeds to rest during performance so each reed stays strong, plays better and lasts longer. It helps your embouchure stay strong too. Any way you look at it, rotating your reeds will help you play better. Consider it the perfect set up for a winning sound.

For more information on rotating reeds, go to www.WhyVandoren.com

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This Assignment is due: _____

Reed players,

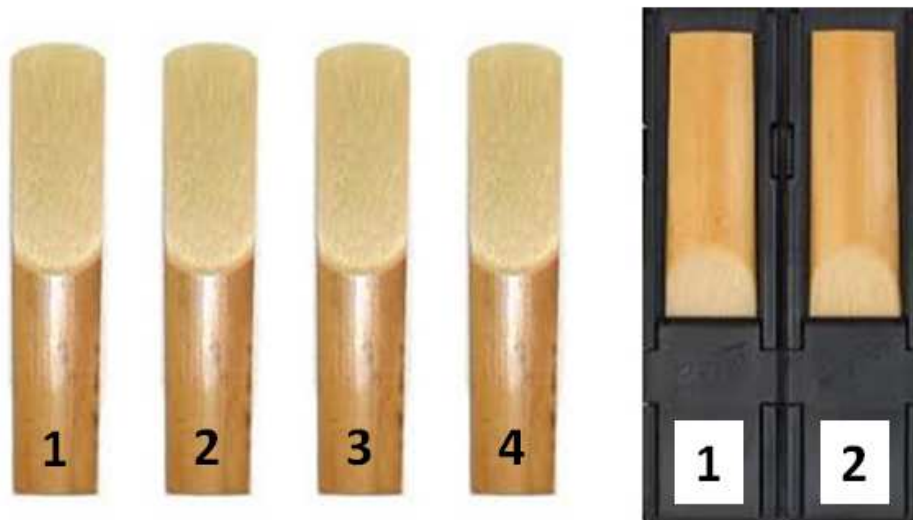
For our class you are required to maintain a set of reeds in excellent playing condition. Clarinet and alto saxophone players need 4 reeds at all times. Double reeds (oboe, bassoon) and bass reeds (bass clar., tenor sax., bari-sax.) players need 2 reeds.

I will check for these reeds in class on _____ (this is a 100-point assignment). Each reed is worth 25 points for clarinet and alto saxophone players (each reed is worth 50 points for tenor, bari, bass clarinet and double reeds).

A reed counts for credit if it is:

- #2.5 strength for clarinet and saxophone (8th-graders may have #3 strength)
- It has **no** chips or cracks in it
- It is out of the packaging and already has been played on
- It is labeled as shown below (use a, b, c, d OR 1, 2, 3, 4)

Each reed should be stored in the plastic sleeve it came in, or better yet, in a *reed guard*, available at the bookstore. You need to label each reed sleeve or each slot on the reed guard (or each reed –least preferred method) as shown below.



If you need to purchase reeds or reed guards, you can buy them at the Northside book store:

Reeds: Oboe \$13.00/ea, Bassoon \$17.00/ea, Clarinet \$2.25/ea, Alto Sax \$2.75/ea, Tenor Sax \$4.00/ea, Bari-Sax \$7.25/ea, Bass Clar. \$4.50/ea.

Reed guards: Clarinet \$4.00. Alto Sax. \$3.29. Tenor Sax. or Bass Clar. \$6.29. The clar/alto guard holds 4. The tenor/bass clar. guard holds 2.