



# Recorders

The fourth grade students have the exciting opportunity to learn to play the recorders. The following information will be helpful as we begin:

- Each student should bring their recorder and folder to school every \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- Each student should play the recorder at home at least 1-2 times per week. This does not have to be a long, tedious session. Students play songs from their homework.
- Students will receive **homework** sheets the first several weeks on \_\_\_\_\_ which should be returned the next \_\_\_\_\_. Homework will be posted on Mrs. Vanderkamp's website each week. Students who return **every** homework assignment will be rewarded!
- If a student forgets his recorder, I have extras at school. We sterilize them, so they are cleaned before each use.
- **Form**, especially hand placement, is important. The LEFT HAND should be on the top.
- Listen to the quality of the **sound**. Two big culprits contribute to the squeaking sound – not completely covering the holes and over blowing.
- Students are encouraged to work ahead. Because of the varied musical backgrounds of the students, we will progress rather slowly at school.
- **Recorder Karate**, our individualized recorder program, will begin after Christmas.
- Please check Mrs. Vanderkamp's website regularly for updates on recorders, homework deadlines, and the fun we are having! Subscribe today so you don't miss any of the details! <http://sites.grcs.org/lvanderkamp/> Password: grcs

I hope you enjoy the enthusiasm of these musicians as much as I do! Contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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