



An important part of the fourth grade music curriculum is recorders. Students learn to play an instrument in a group setting, which prepares them for participation in band and orchestra. We have been reviewing some of the prerequisite skills such as rhythm and note identification. We are almost ready.

The pandemic creates a challenging situation with recorder. At this time, it is not safe to play recorder at school. I hope when it warms up, we may be able to play together outside. For now, we will finger at school, watch videos to hear appropriate recorder sounds and songs, and then we will **only play at home**. The first 6 weeks there will be homework assignments as we learn how to play. After that time we will begin testing for belts, which we will do by creating videos at home (more about this later).

Learning to play the recorder is such an exciting opportunity that the students can hardly wait! The form to order a recorder is below. Please have your child return the form to school by Wednesday, Feb. 3, with payment. After the orders are in, I will purchase the recorders at Meyer Music. We will begin playing our recorders the week of February 8.

I will send more information regarding our recorder program on the first day of recorder instruction. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions!

Mrs. Vanderkamp
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Please return this completed form with money in an envelope (cash or checks payable to GRCES) by **Wednesday, February 3**.

Student Name _____ Teacher _____

Indicate if you need a recorder or if you already have a recorder.

____ 1. I need a recorder (\$5.00)
 ____ ivory ____ translucent green
 ____ translucent blue ____ translucent raspberry

____ 2. I already have a recorder.

We will be using a Recorder Karate program downloaded through Plank Road Publishing, so no purchase is needed for a book.