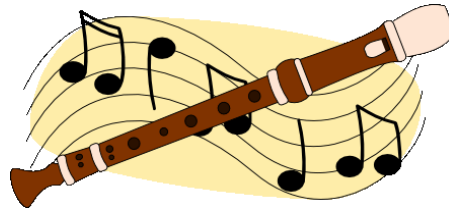


August 29, 2024



Dear 3rd Grade Parents/Guardians:

I am excited to announce that your child will be learning to play the recorder for music class. As mentioned on the supply list, please **follow the directions below to pay the \$7.00 for the recorder** that is being supplied by the school. There are great variations in recorders made by different companies, so it is important that all students use the same brand and model recorder in class so they are in tune with each other. If your child is getting a sibling's recorder from a previous year or have their own already, please make sure it is this model: **Yamaha Soprano Baroque YRS-24B (cream colored)**. You will not need to purchase another one if they already have one of this type.

If your child has a different brand/model recorder at home, please keep that one at home for practice ("Home Recorder") and purchase a "School Recorder" to keep in their locker for music class. If they do not have a recorder at home already, the student will be taking their School Recorder home to practice during the week and then bring it back to school on the day they have music class (3A Tuesday, 3B Thursdays, 3C Fridays).

Some parents choose to have their child keep a recorder in their locker and keep one at home so their child doesn't forget to have it on Music days. If you want to do that, you could purchase a second recorder through the school (additional \$7.00) or you may purchase an extra one from a dollar store, toy store, and music store. Note: the extra Home Recorder does not have to be the same brand and model as the School Recorder.

PRACTICE: Students need to **practice at home at least 20 minutes a week**. This can be done all at once or spread out over the week. Please encourage your child to practice their music at home. Play-along videos will be posted in Google Classroom. The more they practice, the more songs they will learn to play, the easier it will get, and the more enjoyable the experience will be for all.

*****Remember:** *Your child is responsible for having their School Recorder and music folder for every music class, even half days and Mass days.****

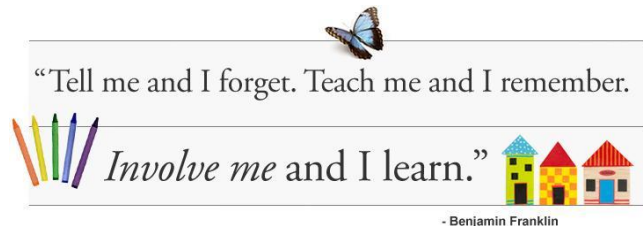
PAYMENT OPTIONS:

- 1) If your child already has a YAMAHA SOPRANO BAROQUE recorder, have them bring it to school on their Music day. No need to purchase another one unless you want to keep one at school.
- 2) If you need to purchase a recorder, please use MY SCHOOL BUCKS to pay by credit card or e-check:
 - a. www.sjracs.org – click the My School Bucks icon
 - b. Select “Browse All Items”
 - c. Find the item labeled “Music Recorder 3rd Grade Only”
 - d. Make your selection (1 or 2 recorders = \$7.00 each recorder)
 - e. Process your payment
- 3) We prefer the online payment method, but if you are unable to use MY SCHOOL BUCKS, you will need to send in a check payable to SJRCS and mark the envelope Attention: 3rd Grade Recorders. We must receive the payment by Thursday, September 5th.

I am so happy that we are able to continue this long tradition and great learning activity for our 3rd graders. I look forward to helping your children learn to play this musical instrument. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Peggy Frazier
Music Teacher, SJRCS
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