



Jefferson Elementary Music Room

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

This year in music, your child will have the experience of playing the recorder. The recorder is a real musical instrument dating back to the 12th century. We will be learning to play the recorder as an extension of music reading, and ensemble techniques; as well as use them to accompany our own singing and playing. Your child will also gain the experience of playing a wind instrument.

The fourth/fifth graders have already begun their recorder study. The recorder will be used throughout the year in fourth *and* fifth grade as well as in some middle school music classes in the future. **We are encouraging each student to purchase his/her own recorder to help promote the idea of owning and caring for a real instrument.** If your family has purchased a recorder in the past (must be Peripole, Yamaha, Aulos, or of wood construction), please check the appropriate box below.

We will be ordering quality Yamaha recorders in a sturdy cloth case. Please **do not** purchase a recorder from Target or Wal-Mart. These are not real instruments. Please return the form below with a check (if you need to purchase one) for \$5.00 made out to Jefferson Elementary. I am looking forward to beginning this two year-long study. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me using the number or e-mail address above

After we have begun our instructional unit on recorders, please encourage your child to bring his/her instrument home and practice. Your child is responsible for bringing his/her recorder to every music class and points will be lost if recorders are forgotten at home.

Thank You,
Paul Weller, Music Specialist

-----Please Mark (x) the Appropriate Response-----

\$ and Form are due by Friday January 17th!

- _____ I have enclosed a CHECK for \$5.00 for a **NEW** recorder and case.
- _____ I have a recorder (aulos, peripole, or yamaha) that Mr. Weller has looked at and approved.
- _____ I would like to use of one of the limited number of school recorders
(*loss of school recorder will result in a fine*).

Student Name (First and Last)	Classroom Teacher	Parent Signature