

**Joseph R. Dawe Elementary School
Stoughton, Massachusetts**

December 2014

Dear Third Grade Parents:

Starting in January as part of the general music classes, the third graders will learn to play the recorder. The recorder is a musical instrument originally made of wood, which sounds something like a flute and looks something like a clarinet without the keys.

Recorder study encourages the students to develop the skills of reading music, ear training, phrasing, and is an excellent introduction to instrument playing.

I strongly recommend that each student purchase his/her own recorder, however, if you cannot, the school has some to loan.

It is recommended that students practice daily so they will progress. Because it is a fairly simple instrument to play, students are delighted with their success and enjoy it. We will end the year performing in a concert that will be announced at a later time.

The cost is minimal at \$6.50. Please make checks payable to K & C Music Co. Put check or cash into a sealed envelope with your child's name and return by Monday, December 15, 2014. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Elaine Baker D'Angelo
Music Specialist

Please check one of the following:

_____ I have enclosed \$6.50 for the recorder.

_____ I already have a recorder and do not need to order one.

_____ I would like to borrow a recorder from the school.

Student's Name _____ Room _____

Parent's Signature _____