



Dear 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents,

Welcome to the Hawes Music Program! We have an exciting first semester planned. We look forward to making some great friends, amazing music, and growing together as people.

As part of the district's music curriculum, we will soon be learning to play the soprano recorder in music class! This gives the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students an opportunity to apply the music concepts and skills they have previously learned to playing an instrument! If your child does not already have a recorder, purchasing a recorder is fairly inexpensive.

To make it more convenient and economical, we will be happy to order the recorders for you. We will be ordering a recorder that comes with a storage case, cleaning rod, and fingering chart. The price is \$3.00. You have the option to order with the school or provide your own recorder as indicated on the bottom of this handout. If you do not have access to the funds necessary for this purchase, please inform the school and we will provide a recorder for your child. The students will be taking their recorders home to practice along with a recorder booklet with songs and exercises that will be provided. The program that your child will be using has a progression of songs ranging from easy to more difficult pieces. As they go through the program, they will be tested on songs and when passed will earn colored tassels (Karate Belts) to attach on their recorders. This is a fun and rewarding program!

After we have begun our instructional unit on recorders, please encourage your child to practice! **Your child is responsible for bringing their recorder to every music class.** Otherwise, it is best to keep the recorders and booklets in the student's backpack at all times so they will always have them for home practice and class.

*Thank you for your continued support of your child's creativity in music!*

Best,

Ms. One, Music Teacher

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Please complete and return with **CASH ONLY** (no coins, please) to Ms. One by Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Classroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, please order a recorder for my child at \$3.00 each. I am enclosing \$3.00 cash for this purchase.

\_\_\_\_\_ No, we do not need a recorder. We will take full responsibility of furnishing an acceptable soprano recorder for our child by September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to borrow one from the school and understand that I will be responsible for returning it at the end of the year in good condition.