

## MUSIC Recorder Unit

Today was the first day of our recorder unit and students are so EXCITED and EAGER to learn how to play a new instrument! Students understand how to play the recorder and will begin practicing each week to play a song and earn a “belt”. We also discussed the parts of the instrument and how to keep the instrument clean.

**If your student is having the typical beginner “squeaking” problem, try to help your child REVIEW the FAB FIVE:**

1. Left hand on top
2. Finger prints or “warts” (use pad and not tip of finger)
3. Cover holes completely (especially the thumb hole in the back)
4. Soft gentle warm air (fog the window)
5. Listen for accurate pitch

Students must practice at least 30 minutes a week and must have a parent signature. If they would like to practice the songs with accompaniment, please go to **stantonmusicnotes.weebly.com** and click on the recorder unit.

For music class days, students are responsible for bringing 4 things:

1. Recorder (I suggest keeping this in the student’s backpack when not using)
2. Music Folder (enclosed is how to hold the recorder, how to play recorder, and the songs)
3. Pencil (keep it in music folder)
4. Signed homework (at least 30 minutes a week)

I have assigned mornings (8:45-9:10) for students to come and retest for their belts. This will **begin in May**. This is only if they need additional time and haven’t passed the song in class. Here is the list of the mornings and the classes. Students must eat breakfast prior to coming for their belt.

Falcone-Monday

Gedeon-Thursday

Leute-Friday

Robinson-Tuesday

Wilson-Wednesday

If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Stanton at [estanton@wcpss.net](mailto:estanton@wcpss.net) or call (919)570-2100. Please follow the music program on twitter @emteachmusic because I hope to post some pictures and videos of our progress with this unit!!

