

Dear Third Grade Students and Parents,

During this time of E-Learning, all third graders will begin a new recorder curriculum called Recorder Karate. In this curriculum, students can earn a “belt” to put on their recorder for each recorder song that they master. This incentive-based program will allow for student-driven learning and hopefully an eventual mastery of the recorder!

In order to participate in Recorder Karate, students will need the following things:

- Their recorder
- A packet of songs
- A computer or device
- Their school email address (ccsd89.me account) and password

We will be using a free app/website called Seesaw for the remainder of the school year. Your child’s music teacher will be posting tutorial videos on Seesaw to help the students learn each recorder song. They may work at their own pace to learn songs. When students are prepared to test for a belt (meaning when they can play the song with little to no mistakes), they will record a video of themselves playing and will upload it to Seesaw so that it can be graded.

To create an account in Seesaw, students should either download the free Seesaw Class app on a device or access the website on a computer at <https://web.seesaw.me/>. For a step-by-step tutorial on how to create an account, please click on the document called “Creating an Account in Seesaw”.

After students have created an account in Seesaw, they can click on the document called “Posting a Video” to learn how to post and also how to sign in going forward. They can also watch the video tutorials by clicking on the “Activities” tab on the right. Once a student has uploaded a video of the song they practiced, your child’s music teacher will watch it and grade it using the Recorder Karate rubric. Students who receive a Meets or Exceeds on their song will earn a belt and can begin working on the next piece. Students who earn a Progressing or Below will need to continue practicing and will then need to retest for a belt. Belts will be handed out as soon as we return to school.

Please let us know if any questions or concerns arise. We are really looking forward beginning our Recorder Karate curriculum and I know the students are, too!

Best,

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