

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade News from Mrs. Van Lenten October



## What We're Learning!

RECORDERS!!!! YAAAAAY!!!

WOW! Your kids are EXCITED about the recorders! I hope it stays that way. I have had a lot of people ask when they can start testing. Part of the testing rubric is skill and technique as well as playing the right notes. I am thrilled that so many of the kids have figured out how to play "Hot Cross Buns" already, but I want their skill and technique to be correct so I am keeping them at a slower pace until I can get them through the foundations.

This year I decided that I needed to start a YouTube Channel for Parkway. I have already uploaded the basic lessons. They might be fun to watch with your musician, and it will be helpful for you to know HOW to keep them from squeaking! The struggle is real!

## Upcoming Events



1<sup>st</sup> Grade will perform "Baby Beluga" on Thursday October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

4<sup>th</sup> Grade will perform "Let's Sing, America!" during school for our Veteran's Day Celebration

October's Composer of the Month is John Phillip Sousa, the King of the March!

Web Site-

<http://lorivanlenten.wixsite.com/parkwaymusic>

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## Monthly Teacher Tip

Perfect Practice makes Perfect!

PRACTICE!? BLAH! Kids HATE it. But after many years of fighting the good fight I have figured out why. They don't know **HOW** to practice! And when you have to listen to the same wrong thing over and over again... I have spent time in class not only teaching the skills, but also teaching them how to practice at home. You can watch the video tutorial "How to practice the recorder without getting grounded" on the Parkway Music YouTube Channel. Just follow the link from my website!

