

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



## What We're Learning!

### Recorders

Recorders will be ordered all at once and will be delivered to the school at the beginning of September. If you missed ordering through the school you will need to go to a local music store or an on-line retailer and purchase a "Baroque Soprano Recorder." There are many kinds, but this is a beginner recorder and all of the curriculum I use requires this recorder specifically. We will play the recorder daily, and students who are unprepared for class will lose points on their daily grade. Please see my website for helpful tips and video tutorials throughout the year.

We have started the year reviewing Solfege, the language of singing, and Notation, the language of written music. Reading, writing, and playing all go together to develop musicality in students.

## Upcoming Events



### SAVE THE DATE:

3rd Grade performance is March 22nd at 7:00pm.

Performance t-shirt orders are open on RevTrak until February 23rd. We will wear these shirts when we perform.

Rehearsal CDs are available on RevTrak. They are helpful for students who are interested in a speaking or solo part.

All newsletters are available on my website.

Web Site-

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## Monthly Teacher Tip

Perfect Practice makes Perfect!

Please don't send your musician into a closet to practice alone. Spend 5-10 minutes together and sit with them. I know, at the start it will sound HORRIBLE, but they have to make the nasty sounds before they can make the pretty ones. Laugh with them. Encourage them. Watch the tutorials with them. Try to play yourself! Let them teach you! Their fear of mistakes can paralyze them, but I teach them that it is OK to make mistakes. They have to in order to improve.

