



## Suncoast Elementary Music Department



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To Our Suncoast's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Students and Families:

Greetings and Welcome to Suncoast Elementary's Music Class.

Our music curriculum includes the study of the soprano recorder in 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade. Recorders are better sounding instruments than many of the "toy" wind instruments you may have seen in various stores and a large amount of musical literature exists for the recorder. With the recorder, musical elements such as rhythm, melody, harmony, and form can be experienced first hand. Recorders can be made of wood or plastic. For school use, plastic ones are easier to care for and more economical to purchase.

**Students are required to bring their recorders to music class each time they come to Music.** In order to achieve success, there must be practice time at home of at least 15 minutes daily. The students will receive homework assignments outlining exactly what pieces need to be practiced.

**Students are encouraged to buy their own recorders.** It gives them more incentive to play and permits them to keep the item after the completion of the recorder class. We have searched for the best instrument at the lowest cost for the students and plan to order the Peripole Angel Recorder (\$6.00). This includes a zippered case and a hanger to hold the recorder in their neck. Some students may have recorders at home from an older sibling. If so, it would not be necessary to order a new one.

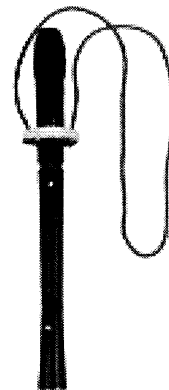
Please send the money in cash or check made payable to **Suncoast Elementary** in an envelope with the student's name and classroom teacher's name on it **on or before Friday September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008 or as soon as possible.**

I appreciate your encouragement and support in this musical endeavor.

Musically yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Yolanda Martinez".

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"I think music in itself is healing. It's an explosive expression of humanity. It's something we are all touched by. No matter what culture we're from, everyone loves music." – Billy Joel