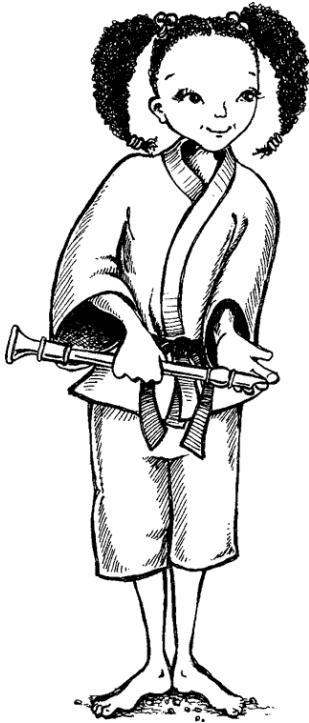


# Amagansett School Music

Dear Parents,

As part of our music curriculum, we will be learning to play the soprano recorder in Second Grade this year. We have already begun learning about the recorder in class and are now ready to move to the next step – working in school and having the ability to practice our skills at home!



Your child has been given two recorders, **one to be kept in school and one to be left at home for practicing.** This way, your child will not have to remember to bring the recorder back and forth. We will be using these recorders throughout the year and even continuing into the third grade. Currently, we are working through the *Recorder Karate Method Book* as your child begins to earn karate belts as they progress to increasingly difficult material. Hopefully, we will all be “black belts in recorder” by June!

Now that your child has a recorder for at home practicing, please encourage them to practice. They are eager to share the new songs that they are learning in music class. Attached, you will find some information about the recorder as well as a fingering chart and the first song that we are preparing in class. These should help your child with their at home practicing. Information about the method, the recorder, and some helpful and fun practice tips are also available at <http://www.musick8.com/rkdojo/rkdojo.tpl>. **The username for this website is Karate and the password is rubric.**

### Helpful Practice Hints:

1. **Cover all of the holes tightly – leaks cause squeaks.**
2. **The left hand is placed above the right hand.**
3. **Blow gently.**

Thank you for all of your support,

Miss Galvin