Welcome to Third Grade Music

I wish to welcome every child to a fun, exciting, and educational year in music. Each child will be assessed according to the ten major standards set forth by the Georgia Department of Education. The standards are located at the following link:

<https://www.georgiastandards.org/standards/GPS%20Support%20Docs/Fine-Arts-Music-GPS.pdf>.

One of those standards is moving alone and with others using gross locomotor and non-locomotor movements while responding to music. For safety measures, any child who is wearing heels, sandals, or flip flops will sit out of these movement activities and will lose educational experiences. Please make note of the days your student attends music and make sure they are wearing appropriate shoes. Some other standards like performing on instruments and reading music will be covered by learning to play a recorder this year. Just like everything else, this takes practice and students must have their own recorder to practice on, so I have made arrangements with a company to purchase in bulk, but you may also use one you already have or purchase one through a local music store.

Students will be required to submit assignments every 9 weeks in their See Saw app. This app will allow parents to see and comment on their work after you sign up in the program. It will be an on-going portfolio of what they are learning in music. Students will also be required to pass 3 out of 6 levels on recorder. These will be videotaped and submitted to the teacher for grading. Anyone who obtains all 6 levels will get an award at the end of the year and will be exempt from taking the final exam! Students will also have some homework and class work assignments in a program called Quavermusic. They will create a profile during the first part of school and they can use that login information on any computer, so parents can also login to see their assignments and their grades.

My goal is to have every student participating at all times. We learn through doing!! Let’s make this a great year. If you ever have concerns or want to reach out, my email address is [brenda.naughton@cowetaschools.net](mailto:brenda.naughton@cowetaschools.net). I would love to hear from you.

Thank you,

Brenda Naughton

Music teacher at Poplar Road Elementary

Recorder Order Form

Dear Parents,

As part of this year’s curriculum, your child will be introduced to the recorder. This instrument presents a wonderful opportunity to introduce music reading and appreciation. Also, studies show that students who study an instrument score higher in academic settings. I hope that by giving students a positive, enjoyable learning experience, they will be encouraged to develop an interest in music while improving skills in other areas, too.

Students will be required to videotape themselves playing songs for some of their assessments. This means that everyone will need a recorder to practice and record on at home. Students will be assigned a recorder for class, but it will stay here, negating the need to bring recorders back and forth from school. The company we order from has a variety of colors to choose from for your practice recorder. When you place your order, please circle which color you would like. If you need assistance with purchasing one for your child, PLEASE let me know, so that I can help them. Please return this order form to me by August 30th with cash or check made payable to Poplar Road Elementary. All checks must have your phone number written on them. Please email me if you have any thoughts or questions, I would enjoy hearing from you.

Thank you,

Brenda Naughton, music teacher, Poplar Road Elementary

**ITEM COLOR UNIT PRICE AMOUNT**

Recorder (blue, green, red, purple, orange, fuchsia, yellow) $5.50 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Safety Strap $2.00 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(red, orange, gold, yellow, green, teal, blue, purple, pink, gray, black, white)

**TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Student’s Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Homeroom Teacher \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**