

# Recorder Karate for Kids

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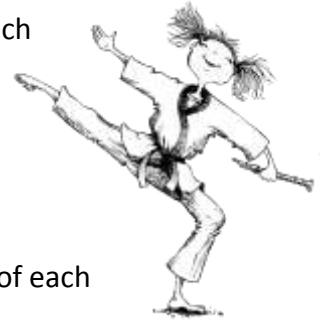
Boys and Girls, here is the link to a [RecorderKids15](https://sites.google.com/site/recorderkids15/) web site for the 4th grade recorder kids. All the music and video tutorials are on this site and you don't have to join or sign in to use the site. Watch the training video, practice the pieces, listen to a recorded example being played, and play along with the accompaniment. If you scan this QR code, it will take you to the [RecorderKids15](https://sites.google.com/site/recorderkids15/) site where you will find all of the belts and songs on the side bar. The [RecorderKids15](https://sites.google.com/site/recorderkids15/) website is a special place I made just for you so that you can practice at home and even pass off belts from home! It is filled with special songs you can play to earn all sorts of beads: glow in the dark and metallic, and more than 16 different belts!! No joke!!



Recorderkids15

## How do I pass off a recorder piece from home?

To pass off a recorder piece, you have to PROVE that you have mastered the skills for each belt level. To be proven, it has to be seen and not just heard. I must SEE your fingers playing the piece - otherwise, I'll think that your parents or older brother, your dog or sister played it instead. Ha-ha! You have to **make a video** and send it to me as an attachment in an email.. just like we've been learning to do at school.



## How do I record myself playing when I need to watch the music?



1. Use [Explain Everything](#) and the file on the website. At the very bottom of each song page on the website, there is an [Explain Everything](#) file attached. Download that file on your iPad and you can watch the music while making a video. We've practiced this in class many times. Remember, in [Explain Everything](#), you touch the bottom red button to record both your playing and the video.
2. Option 2: Using your computer, open up the [RecorderKids15](https://sites.google.com/site/recorderkids15/) website and the piece of music you want to play. Have your parent use their smartphone to video you. Have them email it to me (Mrs. Herring).
3. Option 3: If you have an iPad and your parents will let you use their iPhone or another iPad in the house, you can set up your own recording studio and make your own movies! Look at the music on the iPad and film with the other phone or iPad..

Remember, don't fret! Mrs. Herring will help you if you get stuck. Send the video to me in an email. I'll watch it right away and email you back to let you know if you passed the piece or not. If you need help, I'll send you a Recorder Repair video. If you pass, we'll celebrate with beads and belts and a spot on the **Recorder Wall of FAME!**

**Always let your parents know what you are doing** and show them the videos so they can be proud of your hard work as you MASTER each belt.

Send recorder videos to

Mrs. Herring  
[cherring@hammondschool.org](mailto:cherring@hammondschool.org)

Toot! Toot! Here we go!!

Mrs. Herring

# A Note to Recorder Karate Parents

Recorder Karate is such an exciting unit of study but it can be a bit frustrating until we get everything set up. We will go over ALL of the steps during their private music class this coming week. Don't fret and please don't let the children fret! We haven't had enough class time to get the infrastructure all set up just yet. But once we do, it will be smooth sailing!! 40 minutes fly by!

As an extension of the classroom, the children will be practicing their recorders at home and passing off Recorder Karate Belts by making videos of their playing. I will grade them and email the children back with any suggestions or encouragement as they pass off each piece. Another term for this is "Flipping the Classroom."

**Parents, I would like for them to use your email addresses.** Even if they have their own email address at home, it will be best and safer for all emails to go through your eyes.

**What will I do with the videos?** With your permission, I will be linking the videos to a picture of your Super STAR child and you will be able to view them on the RECORDER Wall of FAME in the music room. The children know that it is a BIG deal to have their videos chosen for the Wall of Fame!!! You will want to drop by to check out the progress during this unit of study. You will get to see your child featured in Augmented Reality. gasp!!

**Why a video?** In a 40 minute class time that meets once every six days, I cannot possibly hear each child's recorder piece and pass them off. They become frustrated and learning stops until they can be heard. The technology you have available (iPads and smart phones), plus working with the [RecorderKids15](#) site from home, allows each student to advance at their own pace. I am able to individualize their instruction - supporting those who need extra help and challenge those who are ready to move on. **How awesome is that?** They will be able to progress with confidence at their own pace and even the quiet, well-behaved children will have a turn!

I have created a [RecorderKids15](#) site for my students. They can go to the [RecorderKids15](#) site to practice, to watch a brief teaching video for each skill, to hear me playing it for them, to play along with an accompaniment track, and to watch a student example. When a piece is played well, we will celebrate with glow in the dark or metallic beads and when they pass a level they will earn a colored belt.

What a wonderful time to be at Hammond!! I can't wait to hear what amazing music your children are going to make! Thank you for helping me extend the classroom with technology.

**Earplugs are in the jar on my desk if you need them!**

Toot, toot!

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