Learning to Play the Recorder (Book 1)

Name: __________________

Grade: _____

Teacher: ___________________
Helpful Hints for Playing the Recorder

1) Hold your body straight and relaxed.
2) Left hand is on top.
3) In playing the recorder, fingers are numbered, starting with the index finger: 1, 2, 3. The left thumb covers the thumb hole at the back.
4) Use the pads of your fingers, not the fingertips.
5) Place the mouthpiece between the lips.
6) Start each note by saying “doo”. (Tonguing)
7) Breath deeply, filling your lungs, using the diaphragm to draw the breath in.

Care for Your Recorder
1) Keep your recorder in its bag when you are not using it.
2) Never touch your recorder with your teeth.
3) Wipe out the recorder after playing.

Check!! Are you covering the thumbhole with your left thumb?
Are you covering the first hole at the front with your first finger on your left hand?
Are you covering the holes with the pads of your fingers and not the tops?
Are you saying “doo” and blowing gently?
Websites To Visit

Listening Examples

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Rccp8Kcpyl
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ItegAlhQdt8&feature=related
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9A3OyxfUrxU&feature=related
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dD0u9lrELbo&feature=related

About Recorders

How a recorder is made:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WiSW6LPchSc
Different types of recorders:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y704rV2yf9U
A subcontra bass recorder:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5VcoV37kRFc&feature=related

How To’s

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KHk0815iB6U&feature=fvw

Fingering Chart

http://www.hrs.hampshire.org.uk/finger/cfinger.html
Recorder Karate

WHITE
Hot Cross Buns (BAG)

For Extra Help & PlayAlongs:
http://www.mymusicclass.com/recorder/Songs/HotCross.htm
http://independence.fhsd.k12.mo.us/music/HotCross.htm

YELLOW
Gently Sleep (BAG)

For Extra Help & PlayAlongs:
http://independence.fhsd.k12.mo.us/music/Sleep.htm
**ORANGE**
Merrily We Roll Along (BAG)

For Extra Help & PlayAlongs:
[http://www.monkeysee.com/play/10189-how-to-play-merrily-we-roll-along-on-the-recorder](http://www.monkeysee.com/play/10189-how-to-play-merrily-we-roll-along-on-the-recorder)
[http://independence.fhsd.k12.mo.us/music/Merrily.htm](http://independence.fhsd.k12.mo.us/music/Merrily.htm)

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**GREEN**
It's Raining (EGA)

For Extra Help & PlayAlongs:
[http://independence.fhsd.k12.mo.us/music/Raining.htm](http://independence.fhsd.k12.mo.us/music/Raining.htm)
PURPLE
Old MacDonald (DEGAB)

Old Mac-Don-ald had a farm, ee-i-ee-i-yo! And
on his farm he had some chicks, ee-i-ee-i-yo! With a
chick chick here and a chick chick there, here a chick there a chick ev'ry-where a chick chick

Old Mac-Don-ald had a farm, ee-i-ee-i-yo!

For Extra Help & PlayAlongs:
http://independence.fhsd.k12.mo.us/music/OldMac.htm
BLUE
When the Saints Go Marching In (GABC’D’)

When the Saints Go Marchin' In
Red Belt

Oh, when the saints go march - in' in,

oh, when the saints go march - in' in, Oh, I

want to be in that num - ber, when the saints go march - in' in.

For Extra Help & PlayAlongs:
http://independence.fhsd.k12.mo.us/music/Saints.htm
**RED**

**Twinkle Twinkle Little Star (DEF♯GAB)**

*Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star*

Blue Belt

Trad.

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Twinkle, twinkle, little star, how I wonder what you are.
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Up above the world so high, like a diamond in the sky.
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Tinke, tinke, lit - tle star, how I won - der what you are.

For Extra Help & PlayAlongs:
http://independence.fhsd.k12.mo.us/music/Twinkle.htm

**BROWN**

**Amazing Grace (DEGABD)**

*Amazing Grace*

Brown Belt

Trad.

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Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a
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wretch like me! I once was lost, but

now am found, was blind, but now I see.

For Extra Help & PlayAlongs:
http://independence.fhsd.k12.mo.us/music/AGrace.htm
BLACK  
Ode to Joy (DGABC’D’)

Ode To Joy  

"Joy, Joyful, We Adore Thee"  
lyrics by H. van Dyke  
L. van Beethoven

Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of Glo - ry, Lord of Love!

Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, hail Thee as the sun a - bove.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the dark of doubt a - way. Giv -

- er of Im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.

For Extra Help & PlayAlongs:  
http://independence.fhsd.k12.mo.us/music/OdeJoy.htm