

Winter has arrived and so have the winter holidays. We have completed our Veteran's Day and Christmas musical activities and programs and are looking forward to celebrating our winter holidays in the music classroom. We sing, dance, play instruments, musical games, and learn to read and write music as we celebrate these holidays through song: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King's Birthday, Valentine's Day, President's Day, etc.

Third graders are memorizing recorder music to play in concert in the spring. A few  $4^{th}$  and  $5^{th}$  graders will join the third graders in playing three songs during their concert. These  $4^{th}$  and  $5^{th}$  graders will practice before school and during their music time.

Fourth graders are involved in advancing their skills playing the recorder.

All fifth Graders are playing their recorders and writing their own recorder song as well as getting music ready for DARE graduation.

About 12 of the fifth graders are going to be involved in the All-County Chorus in March. They will rehearse after school on Thursdays in the music room and join the rest of the schools in March to sing these songs in concert.

First and second grades are beginning to sing and use the classroom instruments more often. It's great fun. Especially when you add dance and games to the mixture!

