

Monroe - Message From the Principal



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As you likely know, Walker School experienced a profound loss this week with the passing of beloved staff member, Dickie Emery. While this may not have directly impacted every school, it certainly impacts the RSU 3 community as a whole. I would like to recognize the Walker staff for their remarkable actions during this tragic event and their resilience and commitment to supporting one another and all students.

I would also like to send a heartfelt thank you to the Liberty community first responders and the many people from across the RSU 3 community and beyond for the considerate calls/emails expressing sympathy and sending positive thoughts.

Reminders this week include:





Please send your child to school dressed appropriately for the weather with pants, close toed shoes, jackets, hats, mittens, snow pants, boots, etc.

RSU 3 HAS RECEIVED FREE AT HOME COVID-19 TEST KITS FROM A FEDERAL PROGRAM. EVERY STUDENT AND STAFF MEMBER WHO WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A KIT SHOULD CALL THEIR SCHOOL'S MAIN OFFICE.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have questions, concerns, or need support for your child or your family. Have a great week!

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 <p>K</p>	<p>Kindergarten students had a great time with musical guest, Ando Anderson! They sang, danced, and used instruments. We are looking forward to his next visit!</p>
<p>1</p>	<p>First Grade was very excited to have a musical guest come for the next few weeks, Ando Anderson! They get to learn about different instruments and sing and dance. We are very happy to add this class for the next 5 weeks.</p>
<p>2/3</p> <p>**We had perfect attendance all week! AND everyone was healthy! I hope we continue both of these trends into the spring!!**</p>	<p>To culminate our economics social studies unit, our class took a field trip to tour two local businesses. We saw goats, greenhouses and met the farmers at Seek No Further. Next, we met the very talented Forest Hart, a Monroe-based bronze sculptor. He showed us the stages of his work, from taxidermy, clay modeling, plaster casting, and ultimately bronze work. According to a third grader, the trip was "the best day of my life!"</p> <div data-bbox="362 877 821 1119">  </div> <div data-bbox="837 856 1182 1119">  </div>
<p>4/5</p>	<p>Students have been working diligently on their Human Body Systems Projects this past week. We completed NWEA's and I will be sending out information home soon.</p>
<p>Music</p>	<p>This week we started working on hip-hop with some creative listening and entry level rapping. We have also continued working on Hound Dog and most classes now have learned both verses. We've also begun work on ukuleles practicing how to responsibly use them, some classes learning their first chord. If parents want to buy ukuleles for their children to practice at home the first link at the bottom has discounts for parents, they just have to enter my name and their school. The second link is the site that I have been using as my curriculum reference, there is also a great section for students that offers lessons and other activities that can be accessed at any time.</p> <p>https://www.sweetwater.com/musicwill/discount/ https://musicwill.org/</p>
<p>Art</p> 	<p>Students are learning about cave art from 19,000 years ago, with a focus on what kind of art these people created and why.</p>

Library	<p>Students in grades 4 & 5 are still chugging away at their books for Maine Student Book Awards, while all grades have started reading the Chickadee Award nominee books! Voting for both programs will be at the end of March and we could not be more excited!</p>
G&T	<p>4th gr Art is practicing drawing hands from observation. Focus is on carefully looking at proportion and drawing realistically.</p> <p>4th gr ELA are reading the mystery Chasing Vermeer, by Blue Balliett. We looked at Dutch painter Johannes Vermeer paintings and made a real world connection to an actual art heist that took place in Chicago.</p> <p>5th graders are working on personal research projects on their selected topics: Solar panels and Cameras. They are learning how to develop and organize information leading up to research.</p>
SEL	<p>This week, in K and 1, we talked about, read about, and practiced our acts of kindness. Each student got the chance to put it to practice as we took turns showing an act of kindness to another student. 2/3 started to learn about empathy. As we continue to learn, we are coming up with short stories to show what we are learning.</p>
Garden	<p>Butter makes it better! This week we learned the process of making homemade butter from cream. Students saw how people made butter “the old fashioned way” and tried out an old butter churn and butter paddles. Then we shook the cream into butter and enjoyed it on fresh bread. Yum!</p>