

Monroe - Message From the Principal



February 6, 2023

It is hard to believe that we have almost reached the 100th day of school. The month of February is a short one but typically filled with fun activities connected to the 100th day, Valentine's Day, and PBIS assemblies and rewards.

With Valentine's Day right around the corner, this seemed like a good week to share a couple of reminders about school relationships. Not surprisingly we have had a few minor issues in recent weeks related to students expressing interest in various "relationships" ("she's/he's my girlfriend/boyfriend" "we are dating", "you like her/him" ... that sort of thing). I thought it would be helpful to provide a little clarity regarding our expectations at school, that the only types of relationships we talk about are friendships. When students do make comments about other types of relationships, staff simply remind them that they should discuss this with parents at home because at school we only have friendships so that everyone can focus on their learning. While we never want students to feel uncomfortable expressing their feelings, we just feel that at the elementary level it is appropriate for students to discuss any relationships, beyond friendships, at home.

Reminders this week include:

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




Please see the important information below about upcoming substitute teacher training sessions.

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>In Kindergarten, we have been working on identifying the ending sound in a word. This is helpful both when reading and writing words. When we use a poem to help us identify the ending sound, we get to practice rhyming too!</p>
<p>1</p>	<p>In first grade we are starting our measurement and time unit for Math. We talked about standard and nonstandard measurement. We went on a scavenger hunt to find and measure superheroes. We measured many different objects around the room and we also measured ourselves.</p>
<p>2/3</p>	<div data-bbox="362 575 1105 867">  </div> <p>This week 18 engineers were hired at Norgang Towers, Inc. to build the tallest paper tower, using only 10 sheets of paper and 1 meter of tape. The tallest tower, Brooke's 1.0, measured over 60 inches! Engineers will go through two more rounds of the engineering design process, improving their designs each time.</p>
<p>4/5</p>	 <p>This week students loved backwards day. They all did an excellent job on their Human Body presentations. Our Student Leadership Team was announced! Congratulations to everyone who was selected for the team. Be on the lookout for a letter sent home with your child about the recent assessment results.</p>
<p>SEL</p>	<p>This week at Monroe, 2-3 started creating comics that show empathy in them. K and 1 are working on making kindness flowers.</p>
<p>Garden</p>	<p>Our K-3 learners investigated farm animals with a farm animal match up activity. Using only sounds and actions, students imitated their farm animal and found a partner with the same animal. Then they explored different products that come from them. Fourth and fifth graders learned that the sun provides the original energy in our food system, giving plants the energy to live. We traced the energy sources of our school breakfast back to plants and the sun.</p>



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