

# Monroe - Message From the Principal



March 20, 2023



Happy Spring!! I hope everyone is excited for spring and the warmer weather and bright colors that come with it!

As a reminder, one of the ways we are focusing on student safety is through the use of a children's book about a little ant who's teacher is teaching the class about the many ways they can be safe at school. The title of this book is **I'm Not Scared, I'm Prepared.** (here is a youtube overview of this book:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F4vmSsgkhHc>).

Over the next couple of weeks, I will be visiting classrooms to play a review game regarding the important messages taught in this book. Additionally, as I shared last week, we will continue to emphasize the See Something, Say Something message in all schools.

I would also like to share the following resource, provided by a district school counselor: [Talking To Children About Violence: Tips For Parents and Educators](#)

Thank you to everyone who supported our sap boiling day on Thursday March 16. It was a lot of fun and a yummy treat at the end of the day! Thank you, Mrs. Johnston for making this happen.

Currently Monroe students are participating in a read-a-thon to support the Gesner Park project. Between this and the upcoming Bikes For Books opportunity, students will be doing a lot of amazing reading!



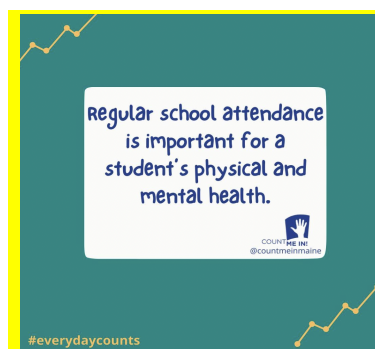
Reminders this week include:



Please send your child to school dressed appropriately for the weather with jackets, hats, mittens, snow pants, boots, etc, hopefully for just a little while longer!

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 continued the camping theme into our Reading Workshop. We played a Fly Swatter game with heart words. We had a fishing game with letters that we could use to spell words. Our Book Nook became a comfy reading tent and fire pit.</p>
<p>1</p>	<p>We have had such a busy week! We enjoyed S'mores around the campfire while telling spooky stories. We also finished up our water cycle unit, learning all about the 4 stages of the water cycle (Evaporation, Transpiration, Condensation and Precipitation). We had an experiment with clouds and rain and we are also having an experiment with evaporation, we are seeing how long it takes water to evaporate from 5 different cups placed around the classroom. We have also been collecting sap from our maple trees and we will be boiling it down and trying it over Ice Cream on Thursday 3/16. And Lastly we tried to catch that silly Leprechaun, we worked hard on our engineering skills to plan and make a trap that would catch him. Wow what a week!!</p>
<p>2/3</p> <p>→ Sylvia &amp; Jasper sit in the snowbank enjoying their ice cream &amp; fresh syrup!</p>	 <p>Writers in 2 / 3 are busy finishing up their Lynn Plourde inspired "subtraction stories." Many are typing their final copy, and will print and illustrate soon. We will definitely be looking for an audience to share these stories with once they're complete. I've never seen such enthusiastic story tellers!</p>
<p>4/5</p>	<p>In our 4/5 class we started a busy week with our campfire reward on Monday where we enjoyed smores and shared stories. Tuesday we celebrated Pi day by learning about this mathematical constant and then made some Pi crafts. Wednesday we practiced reading comprehension and finding textual evidence while learning about St. Patrick's Day and Thursday we made maple syrup from the sap we have been collecting and had a yummy treat. We will be starting a new read aloud, writing unit, social studies, and math units. I will keep you updated as we discover new Countries, create poetry, and read Things Not Seen!</p>
<p>Music</p>	<p>In K-2 we are continuing to focus on singing with solfege and learning Closer to the Heart. In 3-5 our hip-hop recording projects have officially started, students this week worked on writing their hooks which most students completed.</p>
<p>Garden</p>	<p><b>How sweet it is...maple syrup, that is! After collecting sap for two weeks, we boiled it down at school in a homemade evaporator.</b></p>



Students watched this clear liquid turn golden amber. “It smells like toasted marshmallows!” and “It tastes like rainbows!” were a couple of the comments heard as students enjoyed the tastes and smells of the day. Many thanks to all who donated time, materials, and wood to make this day happen!



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