

# Monroe - Message From the Principal



May 31, 2023



Here we are with just 8 and ½ days of school left for this year. This has been such an amazing school year and we are hoping to make these last couple of weeks a positive end to all of the learning and fun that has happened. Last week we welcomed our newest friends during Kindergarten screening. This week we started the process of saying goodbye to our oldest friends as they visited the middle school to start to get a feel for next year.

As we wrap up this year, please be watching for information about special events and opportunities for you to participate in activities and support our students during field days, 5th grade celebration, spring concerts, etc. Each school has several events planned for this last stretch.

As I mentioned last week, please continue to monitor your child and help him/her with the upcoming transition to summer and next year.

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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Check Out What's Happening at Monroe School: **Week of 5/22**

K



In Kindergarten we are spending the last few weeks of school practicing addition strategies. We are practicing counting up from the largest number and learning about combinations of numbers that make 10. We played the game Birds and Worms with second grade helpers this week. In this game, players make combinations of numbers to equal 10. Be careful though, a worm might eat your numbers if a bird doesn't get it first!

<p>1</p>	<p>This week we have been busy wrapping up testing and having fun with our ABC countdown. This week we did K-for Kindness and surprised all the teachers and staff with words of encouragement to finish out the year, L - we wrote letters to our favorite people and had some time on our laptops, M - was mismatch day, N - was numbers and nicknames (we had some pretty imaginative nicknames like Captain Chicken Wing, Precious Princess Kitty) and O - we had some extra time outside.</p>
<p>2/3 → Students are seen here waving goodbye to our tadpoles, as we released them in the pond. Our final units include opinion writing, energy, geometry &amp; reading across genres!</p>	
<p>4/5 </p>	<p>This week in 4/5 we started our new science unit (force and motion) with a balloon rocket race to explore thrust! We also finished the 5th grade science testing and read aloud (Things Not Seen). Next we will be reading a series of books starring Wile E Coyote to pair with our science unit. We are mid way in our opinion writing and should finish this coming week. In Math we are finishing up fractions and looking to learn some geometry!</p>
<p>SEL</p>	<p><b>This week at Monroe, students took an adventure to the outdoor classroom, where we practiced some calming techniques while connecting with nature.</b></p>
<p>Garden</p>	<p><b>We enjoyed delicious taste tests in class this week! First, we sampled fresh garbanzo beans. Many students think they taste like fresh peas, a surprisingly tasty treat! Next, we sampled wild violet jelly, made from the violets we foraged last week. Our first graders harvested a batch of fresh spinach as well. Hopefully the radishes will be ready next week!</b></p>