



# Monroe - Message From the Principal

December 11, 2023

## Notes from the Principal, Mrs. Roux ...

This week I am sharing an important update. As many of you know, I have taken on multiple roles within RSU 3 over the past year. Most recently, this past summer, I stepped into the role of Assistant Superintendent with the intention of transitioning into that role fully, throughout this year. At Monday's school board meeting, it was decided that I will step into the role on a full time basis as soon as possible. With this in mind, the board voted to move Jodie Dupuy, current Dean of Students, into the role of Interim Principal for the outlying schools for the remainder of this year.

Initially, not much will change. Ms. Dupuy and I will continue to work together to support the four schools while we advertise and hopefully fill the role of Dean of Students. Nothing will change until we are able to fill that role. Even after that; however, I will still work closely with Ms. Dupuy and the new Dean, as I continue to support the district as a whole. Over the next several weeks, we will work to sort out any logistics associated with this change.

It has been an absolute privilege serving in the role of Principal for each of the 4 outlying schools. While I am sad to be stepping out of that role, I am very grateful that I get to continue to support all students, staff, and families in RSU 3. The schools will be in very good hands with Ms. Dupuy as she steps up into this leadership role, and I will continue to be available to all families as needed..

Reminders this week include:

- At this time, we are still asking that students be dropped off at the main entrance where a staff member will greet them and escort them inside.
- Daily dismissal time will begin with parent pick ups at 3:00, followed by bus dismissals. Parents are asked to pull up to the entrance and your child will be brought out to meet your car.

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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## Important Upcoming Dates.....

12/18 - Holiday Variety Show 1:00pm

12/22 - Early Release Day

12/25 - 1/1 - Winter Break

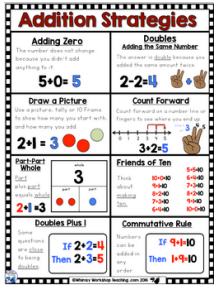




## Check out what's happening at Monroe School ... Week Of: 12/4

**PBIS:** Our school earned the November reward, and had a fun Game Hour with Dens this past week. We are now working to earn a Holly Jolly Day full of winter crafts, activities and treats.



Congratulations to the Students of the Month: Everson, Hunter, Braxton, Finn, Jasper and Harry!

<p>1/2</p> 	<p>First and Second graders have been learning and practicing addition strategies. These strategies help us solve addition equations more quickly. They also make it more likely our answer will be correct. The strategies we have been working on include: counting on the from the larger number, knowing doubles facts automatically, using doubles facts to solve doubles plus 1 or doubles minus one, and making 10.</p>
<p>2/3</p>	<p>Second and third graders are enjoying the social studies unit on Holidays Around the World. So far we have focused on Hanukkah and Kwanzaa. We will integrate this unit with informational writing this coming week.</p>
<p>4/5</p>	<p>In science students continued to learn about biomes and selected a biome to create an informational writing slideshow to present to the rest of the class. During vacation students will start sourcing materials to make dioramas for when they return!</p> <p>The class had a great time during our holiday party on Friday and having lunch in the classroom.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div>
<p>Title One</p>	<p>Please remember to check your students bag for their homework pouch, Reading homework comes home 4 nights a week. Many students are forgetting to return their pouches.</p>
<p>Agriculture</p>	<p>This week our kindergarten learners investigated flowers! Did you know that the job of flowers is to make seeds or a fruit that contains seeds? Our older students continued their investigation of trees. We sorted a bag full of different products according to whether or not they came from a tree. Then we finished our investigation of our favorite tree in our outdoor classroom.</p>
<p>SEL</p>	<p>This week at Monroe, we wrapped up our Impulsivity unit and played a Kahoot to practice our knowledge.</p>

# Why Attendance Matters

## Early Grades

Students who are chronically absent are **less likely to read on grade level** by third grade than students who are not chronically absent.

## Middle School

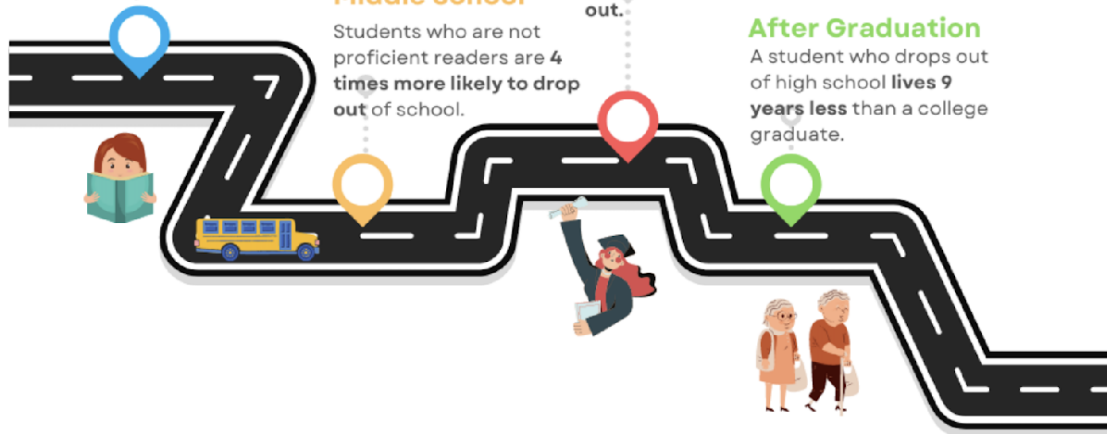
Students who are not proficient readers are **4 times more likely to drop out** of school.

## High School

A student who is chronically absent any year between 8 and 12 is **7 times more likely to drop out**.

## After Graduation

A student who drops out of high school **lives 9 years less** than a college graduate.





## Is my child too sick for school?

Each day many parents are faced with a decision: should they keep their sick children at home or send them to school? Often the way a child looks and acts can make the decision an obvious one. In accordance with Maine Department of Health and Human Services guidelines, a child should not attend school if he/she exhibits one or more of the following symptoms or infections:

**Keep your child home if he/she has any of the following symptoms:**

- **Fever** (Greater than 100° F)- the student may return when fever-free for **24 hours WITHOUT the use of fever reducing medication.**
- **Cough:** A child with an uncontrolled cough should stay home until they are coughing with less frequency.
- **Diarrhea/Vomiting:** A child with diarrhea and/or vomiting should stay at home and return to school only after being symptom free for 24 hours.
- **Rash-** Any new onset of rash if accompanied by fever; may return after rash resolves or diagnosis is made and clearance given
- **Skin Lesions (sores)** – A student should not be at school with any sores with drainage that cannot be contained within a bandage
- **Strep Throat/Impetigo and other bacterial infections requiring antibiotics-** A student with strep throat must remain home until they have been on their antibiotics for a full 24 hours.
- **Colds-** A child with thick yellow-greenish mucous accompanied by fever, vomiting, diarrhea, or constant nasal discharge should remain home. Very few younger children can effectively blow their noses and wash their hands afterward. A child with the above symptoms will quickly spread the illness to other children.
- **Other-** Any symptoms or complaints that prevent the student from active participation in usual school activities

If your student tests positive for COVID-19, they must isolate at home for 5 days. After 5 days they may return with symptom improvement, masking days 6 through 10. More information can be found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/isolation>.

Home is the best place for a child who is ill. Students with these symptoms cannot comfortably participate in school activities and unnecessarily expose others to their illnesses.