



Kindergarten Orientation

Summer 2021



Land Acknowledgement

<https://native-land.ca/>

Everett Public Schools respectfully acknowledge that we are on the traditional lands of the Coast Salish, Snohomish, and Tulalip Peoples as we begin to heal.

We are committed to improving the relationship and identifying indigenous people, exploring our true selves. We express our deepest respect and gratitude to the ancestors of this land. We strive to create equitable outcomes and build a culture of inclusive belonging for all students, teachers, staff and community!

YOU ARE ON



Coast Salish Tribal

LAND

#HonorNativeLand



[USDAC.us/nativeland](https://www.usdac.gov/nativeland)

Artwork by: Lightning Waq Waq, Ty Juvinel (Tulalip Tribes)

Our Everett Public Schools Mission:

Everett Public Schools' mission is to inspire, educate and prepare each student to achieve high standards, contribute to our community, and thrive in a global society. They will acquire the knowledge, attitudes and skills to adapt to the emerging needs of a changing world.

Our Monroe Mission:

Our mission, as the Monroe Elementary School community, is to empower each student to become a ***resourceful, responsible***, lifelong learner in a secure, positive learning environment where each person feels worthy and ***respected*** through the support of family, community, and staff.



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Team Monroe

- 70 team members including 30 teachers, 17 paraeducators, and other professionals (counselor, administrators, etc.)
- Kindergarten Team
 - Rose Bower (Kindergarten - rm #107)
 - Nicole Erickson (Kindergarten - rm #111)
 - Samantha Moody (Kindergarten - rm #106)
 - Linda Olsen (Developmental Kindergarten - rm 101)
 - Holly Winters (Developmental Kindergarten - rm 102)
- Administrators
 - Catarino Rodriguez (Assistant Principal)
 - Tyler Ream (Principal)



Welcome to our Monroe School Community

TAKE FLIGHT!



Take Flight! symbolizes our collective journey as we work to emerge from the ongoing pandemic and come together again as a community in a manner that is safe/healthy while also recognizing the deep, human need to connect.



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Important Kindergarten Dates:

- September 2, 2021 – Meet Your Teacher
 - Drop-In event from 5:00pm to 6:30pm
- September 8, 9 and 10, 2021 – Family Connection Meetings
 - Appointments will be scheduled with families in August
- September 13, 2021 – First Day of Kindergarten

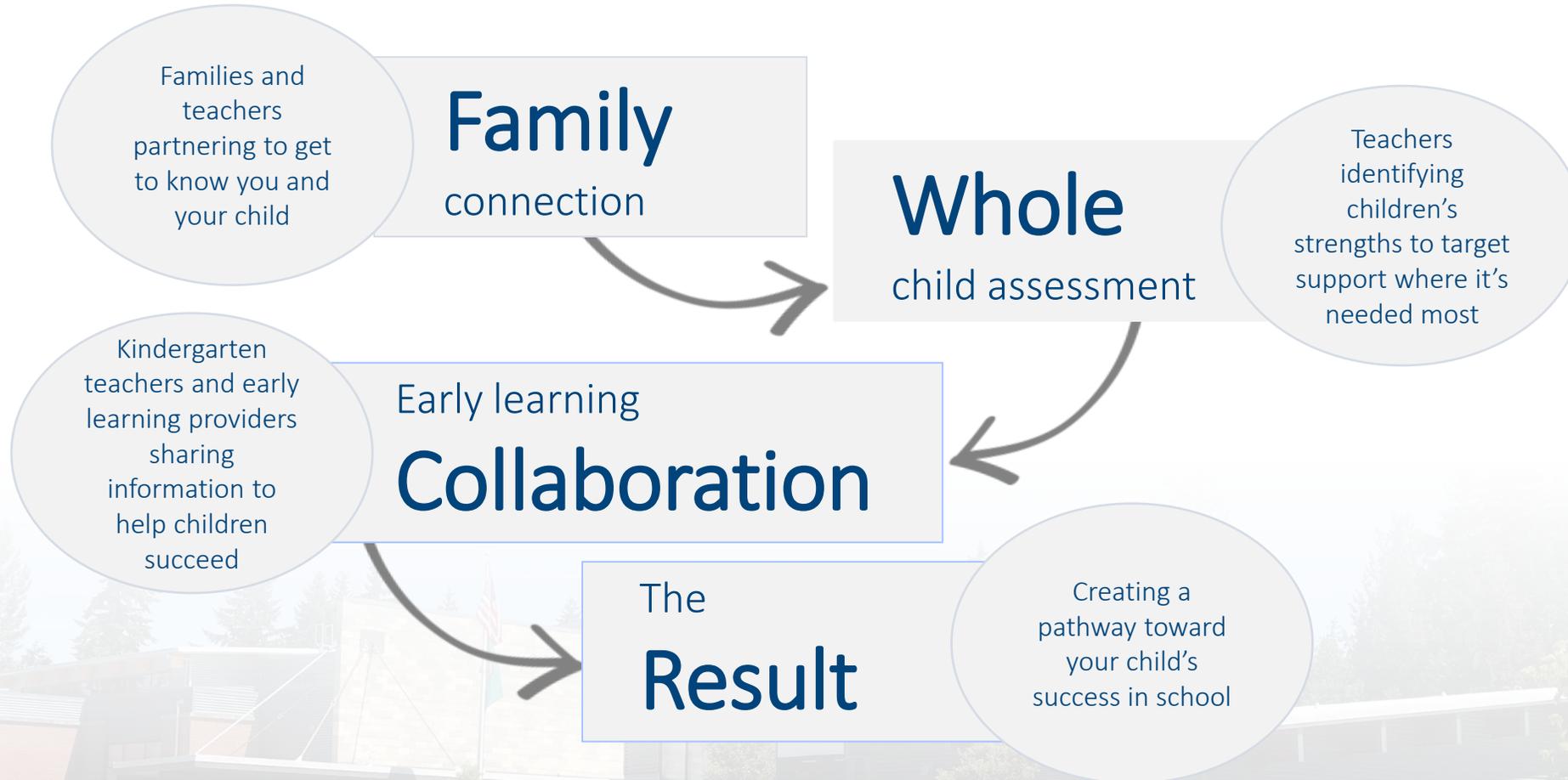




Purpose of Family Connection Meetings:

- To welcome families
- To begin building strong relationships
- To learn from families about children







Sandra Capi
Early Learning Provider

Building 21st Century Skills into our everyday kindergarten experience:

- Citizenship
- Collaboration
- Communication
- Creativity
- Critical Thinking
- Growth Mindset



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Foundational Social Skills:

- Understanding self (understanding emotions and recognizing feelings)
- Sharing and helping others (collaboration)
- Understanding and following routines
- Taking on challenging tasks and solving problems



What's New at Monroe?

- Everything! *Kindergarten is all about new beginnings*
- Everyday, in-person learning
- 2:1 device environment
- Illustrative Mathematics
- MOEtown Week



The “Whole Child” – Social/Emotional Learning

We utilize the Second Step curriculum as well as mindfulness and restorative practices as part of a daily commitment to caring for the social/emotional health of our learners.

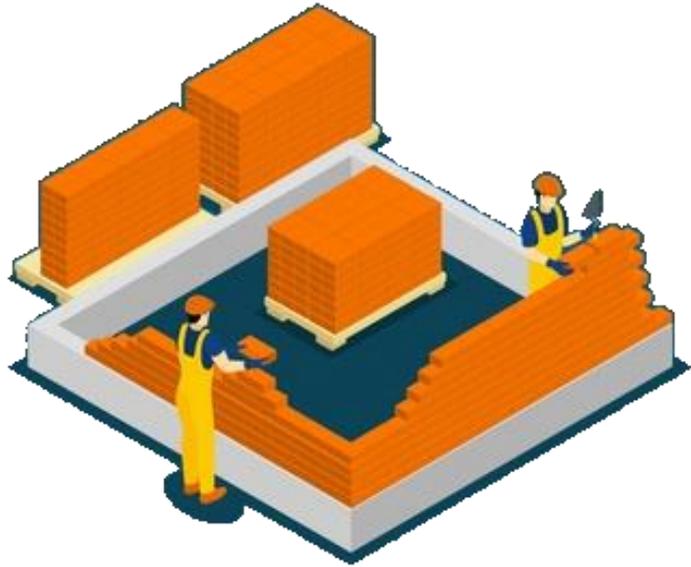
Second Step includes four interconnected areas of study



UNIT 1 Growth Mindset & Goal-Setting 5 lessons per unit	UNIT 2 Emotion Management 5 lessons per unit
Students learn how to develop a growth mindset and apply research-based goal-setting strategies to their social and academic lives. This unit's content helps create classrooms that are connected and encouraging by helping students set and achieve collective and personal goals and learn from challenges and mistakes.	Students learn how to build their emotion vocabularies, practice identifying their own and others' emotions, and recognize the importance of labeling and processing their emotions. This unit's content helps students understand and explore how past experiences as well as unique perspectives influence how they feel and respond to situations.
UNIT 3 Empathy & Kindness 5 lessons per unit	UNIT 4 Problem-Solving 5 lessons per unit
Students learn how to recognize kindness and act kindly toward others, and how to develop empathy by learning strategies to take others' perspectives. This unit's content helps students understand others' points of view.	Students learn how to process strong emotions, describe a problem, identify the wants and needs of others, think of and explore the outcomes of potential solutions, and pick the best solution. This unit's content helps students ask, listen, and empathize with all parties involved during problem-solving.



Building Strong Foundations of Literacy:



- Phonemic awareness
- Phonics
- Sight words
- Shared reading
- Small flexible groups
- Independent practice

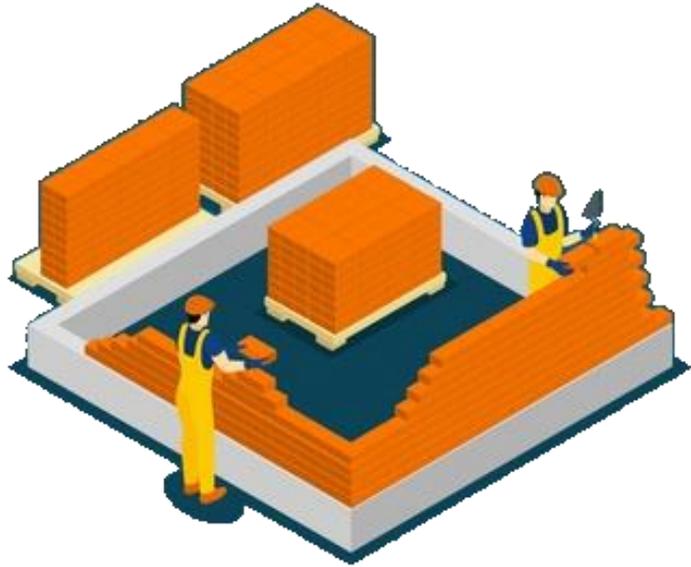
What can I do at home to help my child?

Exposure to reading helps to build young readers. Reading with your child (where they can follow along) will help, even if they cannot read at that level. Stop and ask them your child to read sight words (common words like you, the, and).



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Building Strong Foundations of Writing:



- Telling and drawing one's own stories
- Sounding out and writing letters and words
- Using writing in a variety of ways
 - Labeling
 - Expressing opinions
 - Creating lists
 - Journaling

What can I do at home to help my child?

Verbal (out loud) story telling is an outstanding way to build your child's "voice" as a writer from an early age. Engage in story telling by giving your child a prompt and participate as your child builds their story aloud.



The big ideas in kindergarten include; representing and comparing whole numbers, initially with sets of objects; understanding and applying addition and subtraction; and describing shapes and space. More time in kindergarten is devoted to numbers than to other topics.

The mathematical work for kindergarten is partitioned into 8 units:

1. Math in Our World
2. Numbers 1–10
3. Flat Shapes All Around Us
4. Understanding Addition and Subtraction
5. Composing and Decomposing Numbers to 10
6. Numbers 0-20
7. Solid Shapes All Around Us
8. Putting It All Together

Our kindergarten learners explore science in a designated block that teaches both life science and physical science in an inquiry-based, hands-on manner.

Next Generation Science Standards challenge students to explore the sciences through immersion as they learn to collaborate with others in asking questions (inquiry), observing, gathering information, and designing/test solutions.

Harnessing the powers of art, music, literacy and physical fitness
to save the world, one day at a time

The Essentialists

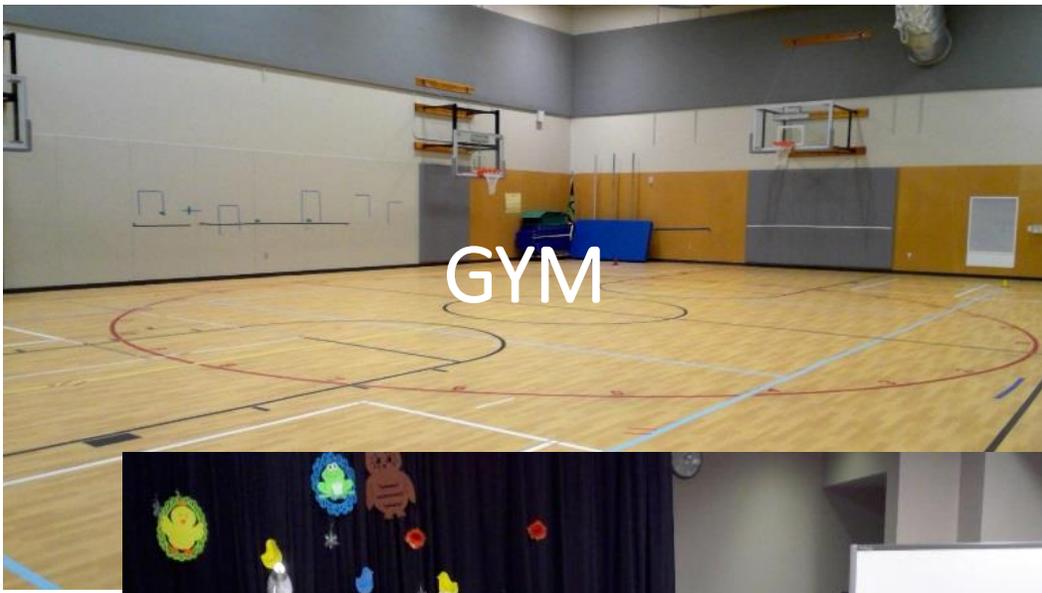


At least four times per week, students at Monroe attend an “essential” class – Art, Music, Library, and Physical Education.

These forty-five-minute classes provide essential, hands-on experiences that help develop our Eagles as well-rounded learners.



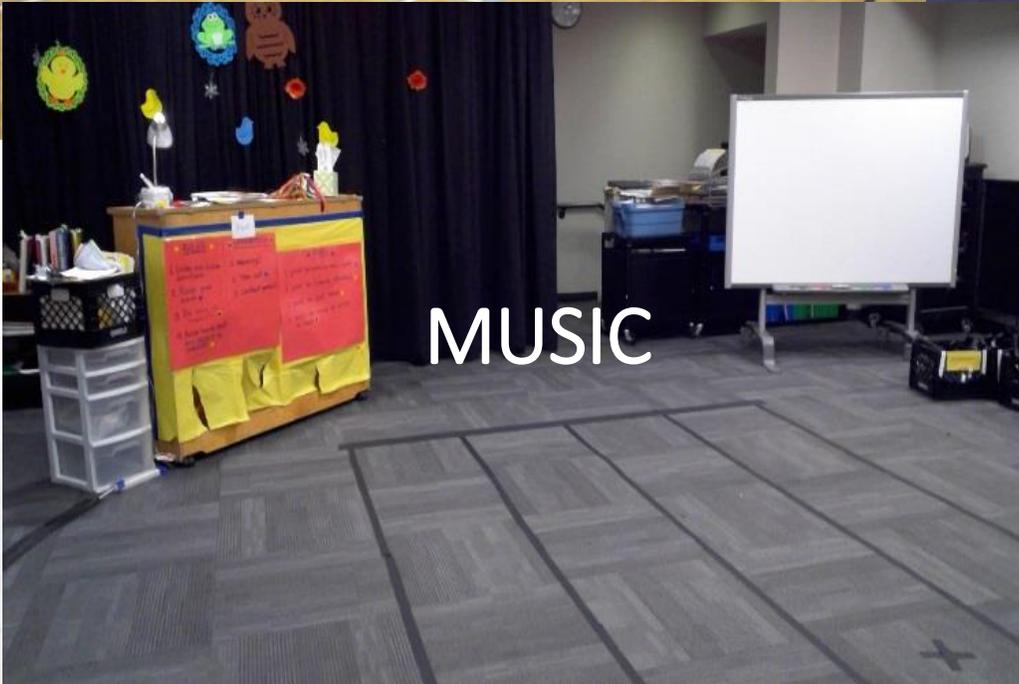
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GYM



LIBRARY



MUSIC



ART



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Navigating Lunch

- Breakfast and lunch are available to every student, every day
- *Breakfast and lunch are free to all students for the 2021/2022 school year*
- Snacks vary by school & teacher
- Student ID number is helpful when going through the meal line





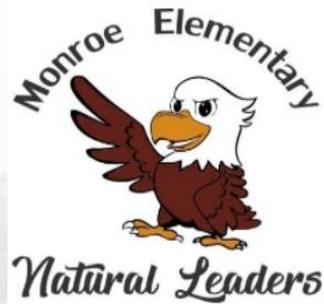
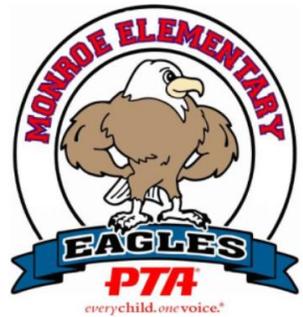
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Family Involvement

- Support your child's learning through daily discussions (math, reading, writing, science, etc.), family game nights (logic and strategy games like Monopoly, Catan Jr., etc.), involving them in cooking (great for learning fractions and technical reading)
- Make attendance a priority
- Participate in WaKIDS family conference and parent-teacher conferences
- When available, please join us and consider volunteering
- Get to know your child's teacher (*they are amazing educators and people!*)
- Please consider joining our Monroe PTA and/or Natural Leaders



Weekday Themes:

- *MOEtown Mondays*
Upbeat morning music with all students/faculty members encouraged to start their week in some school spirit gear
- *Talent Tuesdays*
Morning announcements spotlight students exhibiting acts of kindness and service to others
- *College & Career Wednesdays*
Morning announcements highlight a specific college/university, military service branch, or career field.
- *Throwback Thursdays*
Morning announcements spotlight a member of our Monroe team through a picture from their childhood.
- *Favorite Fridays*
Students/faculty often wear gear from their favorite teams. As possible, morning music to consider current student/faculty favorites (within reason 😊)



STAR WARS DAY
MAY THE 4TH
BE WITH YOU

Spirit Days

Spirit days add random, light-hearted moments to our school year. Each month, in alignment with our school expectations, we collectively brainstorm and designate specific days as Spirit Days. These may include some common days like crazy hair day, and less common days like the Star Wars theme, May the Fourth.

Crazy Hair Day



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MOEtown Week

- School-wide celebration of the 2021/2022 school year
- September 8th through September 14th (including two days for kindergarten learners)
- Intentional focus on social-emotional environment including the building of friendships, teams, and class collaboration.
 - Class activities
 - Service projects
 - Grade level assemblies
- Spirit Days as part of MOEtown Week to include 9/10 *Flash-Forward Friday* (“me in 20 years”) and 9/14 *Team Tuesday*



Ready for the First Day Checklist

- Develop a home and bedtime routine
- Ready your child's supplies
- Practice drop off and pick up procedures
- Help your child learn their personal information
- If you can, please visit the school playground



First Day Checklist (for families)

- Make sure your personal information is up to date (office)
- School lunch or pack a lunch?
- Help your child understand how they are getting home
- Build confidence in your child's independence
- Drop off your child at the "Eagles Nest" (front-left)
- *We ask that parents/families do not proceed to the classroom*
- **Please join us in the Monroe Lobby for coffee and treats!**



How can we help?

- Monroe Main Office: (425) 385-7300
- Attendance Line: (425) 385-7305
- Special Services: (425) 385-5250
- EPS Early Learning Department: (425) 385-4024
- EPS Tech Department:
<https://www.everettsd.org/domain/4057>



Thank you for joining us as we Take Flight
into a wonderful new school year

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