

We will begin at 4pm. Until then, please answer this question in the chat: What do you hope to take away from today's session?

We are excited to get started!

Celebrating Successes: Planning for End of the Year Events

"New Teacher Mondays" Monday, March 17th, 2025







o Engage. o Collaborate. o Focus on solutions. o Demonstrate a growth mindset.

Agenda

✓ Pulse Check ✓ What to Celebrate ✓ How to Celebrate ✓ Q&A

Professional Development
 Opportunities



Outcomes

As a result of today's session, you will be able to:

- Understand district and program policies regarding endof-year celebrations.
- Brainstorm ideas for celebrating end-of-year-successes.
- Develop a plan to celebrate students, staff, and families.



New Teacher Mondays

The "Why"

- Crafted for <u>1st</u> and <u>2nd</u> year Pre-K Teachers.
- Designed to provide foundation for key elements of a successful classroom and school year.
- Opportunity to ask questions and get answers from experts.



What is one <u>personal</u> classroom success you have experienced this year?



Please share your answer in the chat!

<u>What should we celebrate?</u>



<u>When should we celebrate</u> classroom successes?

What to Celebrate

COUNTY SCHOOLS

- ✓ Student successes
- ✓ Family partnerships
- ✓ Teamwork
- ✓ Supportive partnerships



Celebrating Student Successes

- ✓ Academic Growth
 ✓ Brigance data
 ✓ Report card data
 ✓ Work samples
 ✓ Milestones Achieved
- ✓ Social-Emotional Growth
- ✓ Independence and Autonomy



How to Celebrate

- Certificates and awards
- "Brag tags" and recognition walls
- Prize boxes
- Special opportunities
- Public recognition
- Classroom events



End of Year Events

- "Favorites" Day
- ABC Countdown
- Classroom Swap
- Field Day
- Talent Show
- Bubbles/Bubble Machine
- Slideshows/Videos

- Theme Days
- Pajama Party
- Dress-Up Day
- STEM/STEAM Day
- Pinata Party
- Ice Cream Social
- Picnic Lunch

MSCS Pre-K Classrooms are not allowed to conduct "graduation" events.



Celebrating Family Partnerships

- Re-visiting family goals or "hopes and dreams"
- ✓ Recognizing parent volunteers
- ✓ Celebrating family support that led to student growth
- Thanking families for their support and dedication



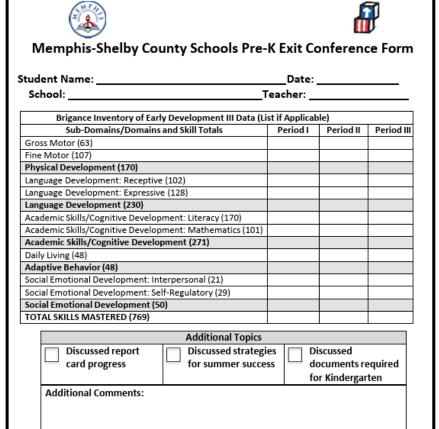
How to Celebrate

- Exit Conferences
- Public recognition
- Certificates and awards
- Thank you note
- Student portfolio
- Inviting families to end-of-year events



Exit Conferences

- Required for all students
- Conducted May 5th-16th
- Use MSCS Exit Conference form
- Submit completed/signed copies to FES and Advisor



Parent Signature:

Teacher Signature:

Celebrating Teamwork

- Recognizing efforts and growth of classroom team
- ✓ Celebrating goals reached
- ✓ Recognizing personal growth



How to Celebrate

- ✓ Public recognition
- Personal acknowledgement
- ✓ Thank you note
- ✓ Gifts/tokens of appreciation



Celebrating Supportive Partnerships

- Recognizing and showing appreciation of support
 - ✓ Administrators
 - ✓ Pre-K Staff
 - ✓ Colleagues



How to Celebrate

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Being a Reflective Educator

- ✓ What were my successes?✓ How did I grow?
- ✓ What feedback did I receive?
- ✓ What are my next goals?
- ✓ Where do I want to be in 1/5/10 years?
- ✓ Did I make a positive impact?
- ✓ Who mad a positive impact on me?

" We do not learn from experience. We learn from reflecting on experience. - John Dewey

Keep 'em Thinking With Susan Morrow

Your Turn! What questions do you have?



Upcoming PD

March 18th

Making Math Matter-Engaging Math Experiences 4:15-5:30pm 3030 Jackson Ave.

March 19th

Building Independent Readers 4-5pm, virtual

Pre-K Share Show



Pre-K Share Show

Studies in Action Tuesday, March 25th, 2025

4-6pm

3030 Jackson Ave.

Come see hands-on demonstrations of Pre-K classroom activities connected to *The Creative Curriculum* studies.