

Welcome!



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





Session Norms

- Engage.
- Collaborate.
- Focus on solutions.
- 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 end-of-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 1st and 2nd 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.

Pulse Check



What is one personal classroom success you have experienced this year?



Please share your answer in the chat!

What should we celebrate?



**When should we celebrate
classroom successes?**



What to Celebrate



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



Celebrating Student Successes



- ✓ Academic Growth
 - ✓ Brigrance 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

Memphis-Shelby County Schools Pre-K Exit Conference Form

Student Name: _____ Date: _____
 School: _____ Teacher: _____

Brigance Inventory of Early Development III Data (List if Applicable)			
Sub-Domains/Domains and Skill Totals	Period I	Period II	Period III
Gross Motor (63)			
Fine Motor (107)			
Physical Development (170)			
Language Development: Receptive (102)			
Language Development: Expressive (128)			
Language Development (230)			
Academic Skills/Cognitive Development: Literacy (170)			
Academic Skills/Cognitive Development: Mathematics (101)			
Academic Skills/Cognitive Development (271)			
Daily Living (48)			
Adaptive Behavior (48)			
Social Emotional Development: Interpersonal (21)			
Social Emotional Development: Self-Regulatory (29)			
Social Emotional Development (50)			
TOTAL SKILLS MASTERED (769)			

Additional Topics

Discussed report card progress
 Discussed strategies for summer success
 Discussed documents required for Kindergarten

Additional Comments:

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 made a positive impact on me?

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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.