

Between the dates of October 15 and November 15, Ms. Tousignant met with 90 K-5 students, or 23% of the total Lower School population. Of these 90 students, 15 were new students in various grades.

In March, Ms. Tousignant asked the same 90 students (minus 3 that were absent) to conduct follow-up surveys. The results of these surveys are below in purple text.

Survey Questions:

Do you feel happy/at ease when you come to school each day?

K-2: 95% yes, 5% sometimes, 0% no

3-5: 40% yes, 60% sometimes, 0% no

K-2: 88% yes, 12% sometimes, 0% no

3-5: 37% yes, 61% sometimes, 3% no

Do you have friends to play/enjoy spending time with at school?

K-2: 95% yes, 5% sometimes, 0% no

3-5: 90% yes, 3% sometimes, 2% no

K-2: 93% yes, 7% sometimes, 0% no

3-5: 98% yes, 1% sometimes

Would you encourage a friend to come to Nova?

4-5*: 100% yes

4-5: 88% yes (3 students said no)

*this was not a question on the K-3 surveys

There were ideas shared on the Grade 2-5 surveys for things Nova could do to make to make students feel better about learning, and things Nova could do to make students feel better about making friends at Nova.

Some things shared included:

Better about learning:

Field trips, snacks during class, slowing down instruction, more study hall, more recess

Better about making friends:

More games, more time to talk to people, surveys to learn more about each other, no masks

***For the March check-in, students completed surveys instead of full listening sessions, so the questions below were not included*

Conversational Questions:

What are some things you like about school?

K - teachers, recess

1 - math, teachers, recess, lunch, specialists, history

2 - morning work, homework, recess, teachers, friends, specialists, math

3 - recess, friends, math, specialists, homework, teachers

4 - recess, teachers, math, specialists

5 - having a study hall, specialists, recess, friends, math, LA, history, teachers

What are some things you don't like about school?

K - handwriting, reading

1 - reading, leaving school at the end of the day

2 - spelling

3 - homework, various subjects, no video games

4 - homework, short recess

5 - not having a second recess, wanting some sports, i.e. hockey and football

Note: only one student out of 90 mentioned not liking wearing masks

*Clarification re: subjects - students seem to enjoy reading for pleasure, they don't enjoy reading **class**.*

How are you feeling about the amount of homework you are getting? Are you able to get it done?

Only 3 students indicated having too much and/or not being able to get it done. When asked further, they said they have after school activities and/or they get distracted and then forget about it. Most said they are able to get it done at school or in a short amount of time at home. Some even asked for more! (2nd/3rd grade)

How connected are you to adults at school?

Every student was able to name at least one adult at school they would feel comfortable talking with if they had an issue. These people included recess EAs, current and past teachers, Ms. Cranberg and Ms. Tousignant.

Do you feel more comfortable now than you did at the start of the school year (regarding the return to school)?

All but 3 students said they feel more comfortable now than at the start of the school year. A few students said it is hard adjusting to a long school day.