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## Thoughts for the week

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The last day of school always creates mixed feelings for all of us at Garden.

We know that the year has come to an end, and that so much of what we planned for the school year has been carried out effectively. Yet, at the same time, within a matter of an hour, the school empties out for the summer. That feeling mixes with the joy of having completed our work and leaves all of us somewhat melancholy. After all, a school needs to be filled with children and teachers, learning, talking, arguing and pushing forward in their development.

As I look back over the year, I realize just how much work we have accomplished in the classroom as well as outside of the classroom. The enormous amount of curriculum that was explored was astonishing. If you think about the sixteen levels of education that we offer, the sheer bulk of the subject matter perplexes the mind. The basic formation of a letter to

the solving of complex differential equations takes place within fifty feet of each other. Looking at the setting in a story in the first grade to analyzing the philosophical background of a nineteenth century novel in the twelfth grade happens in adjacent classrooms. The simultaneity of learning defines the scope of our school.

At the sixth grade moving up ceremony this morning, the class sang a song entitled, "We're All in this Together." As I was listening to them sing, I realized that that is exactly right--we are all in this together: "this" being the business, the mission and the vision of nurturing a school that nurtures children through these complex levels of learning. Remember that for a two year old to learn how a letter represents a sound is as proportionately complex as a senior learning the dynamics of motion. All education is proportional.

I am grateful to all of those who have made this year a success: our students, our families, our teachers, our alumni, our trustees and our friends. Together the amount of work that was expended in our wonderful school went beyond all bounds. Our community is tireless in supporting the school's mission.

Have a wonderful summer and come back to us in September ready to push that mission forward.

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A Short Video of Friday's Sixth Grade Moving Up Ceremony: <https://youtu.be/NxBufP0Q1UM>

