



Week of January 24, 2020

“Children must be taught how to think,  
not what to think.”  
- Margret Mead

OWL FACT  
The northern Hawk Owl can  
detect its prey up to a half mile  
away.

Principal’s Corner

Hello OGA families! We had some great things happening around campus this week. The Scholastic Book Fair began on 1/22 and will continue through 1/28. Students have been excited to visit and purchase new reading material. We also had our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spelling Bee. It was great to see the students, teachers, and families in the audience excited! I know our 11 finalists felt supported. All grade level winners did an outstanding job and should be commended for making it to the School-wide Spelling Bee. Because we have students in grades 2-6, we have 2 winners that will be representing OGA at the Orange County Public School’s Spelling Bee on Wednesday, February 26: Helen D. (3<sup>rd</sup> grade) and Aiden S. (6<sup>th</sup> grade). Congratulations to both students! I want to also acknowledge our wonderful judges, Dr. Prince LeBoo, Mrs. Andrea DeLoach, and Mrs. Mary Ann Dunn, as well as our pronouncer, Ms. Karen Handley. Thank you for taking time out of your day to assist with our Spelling Bee.

As a reminder, beginning January 27, the intersection at Hampton and Oregon will be closed by the City of Orlando. There will be a detour so families can still access the school parking lot and front of the school. Please take that into consideration as you plan your mornings and afternoons for drop off/pick up. Additional and updated information is available at <http://orlando.gov/oregonstreetdrainage>

Finally, each year, parents are asked to complete a survey about Orlando Gifted Academy that is part of OCPS’ yearly accreditation process. The survey window for parents is open until March 13, 2020. I encourage all parents to complete the survey – I am aiming for 100% participation! The link to the Parent Survey is: [https://ocps.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_38ZEa36rGBGv8zP](https://ocps.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_38ZEa36rGBGv8zP). You will be prompted to select Orlando Gifted Academy before beginning the survey. Thank you for supporting OGA and your children every day!

Important Dates

- 1/22 - 1/27: Scholastic Book Fair
- 1/27 – 1/31: Literacy Week
- 2/11: SAC Meeting
- 2/12: Progress Reports go home
- 2/17: President’s Day – No School
- 3/12: Field Day
- 3/12: Last Day of 3<sup>rd</sup> Grading Period



CONGRATS to our OGA Spelling Bee  
Champions!  
Helen D. – Elementary School Winner  
Aiden S. – Middle School Winner

## An interview with... **Makerspace**

Q: Why did you choose this cluster?

Aiden: I did it last year and really enjoyed making things.

Ryan: I LOVE to build.

Q: What are you going to build?

Mason: I am working on a project and it is called "makey, makey."

Ryan: I am creating a project "Cup Pong."

Q: On a scale of 1-10 what would you rate this cluster so far?

Ryan- 10, Aiden- 9.5, John David- 10, Mason- 7.5



By: Miles I. and Collin F.

### Did you know?

A donkey will sink in quicksand, but a mule won't.



Word of the week: Kerfuffle

Definition – a commotion or fuss

Sentence: "Last week the party turned into a kerfuffle."

Origin: British



Try to use this word

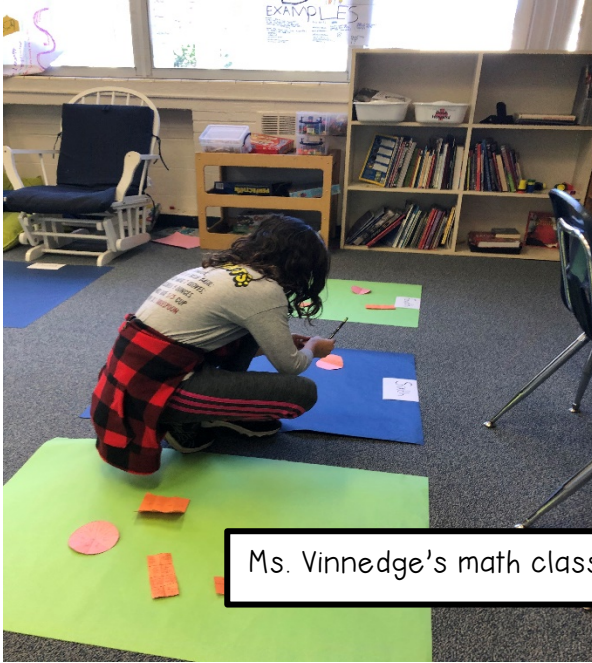
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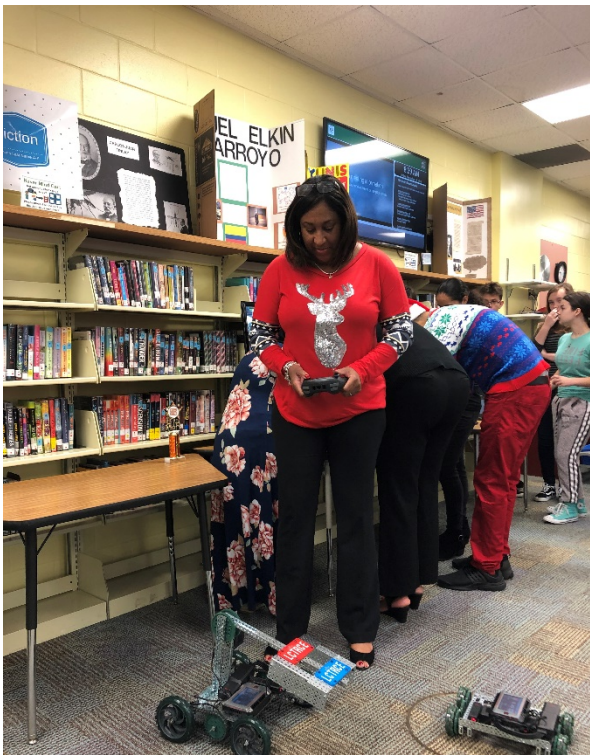
### What we CELEBRATE nationally this week!

1/24 National Compliment Day 	1/25 National Florida Day 	1/26 National Green Juice Day 	1/27 National Chocolate Cake Day 	1/28 National Kazoo Day 	1/29 National Corn Chip Day 	1/30 National Croissant Day 
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# OUR WEEK IN PICTURES



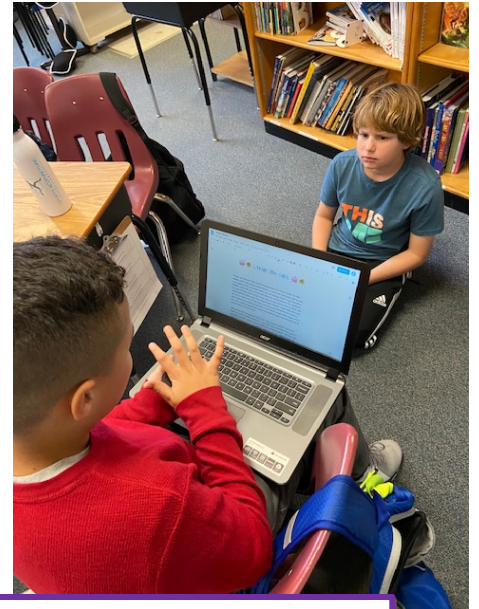
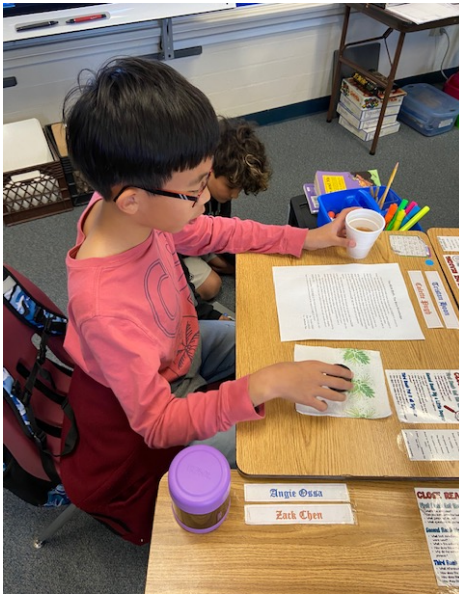
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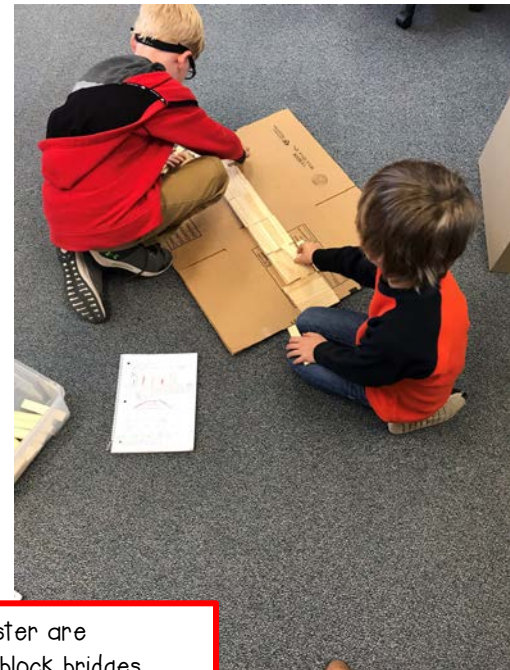
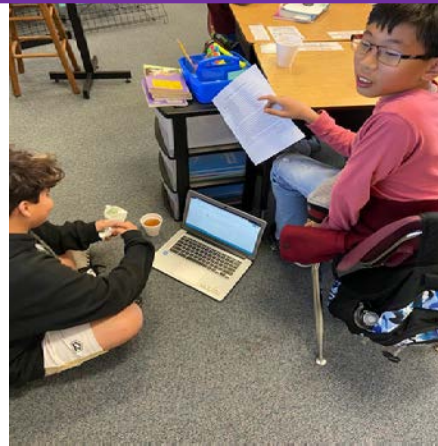
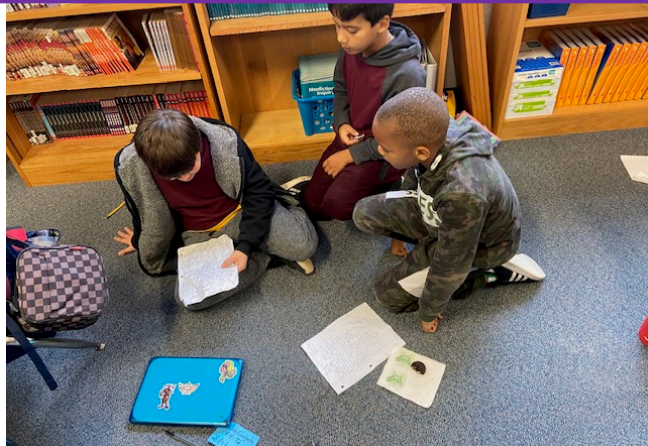
Ms. Despenza testing out a remote control car.



Ms. Allen's ELA AR Super Stars!



Mr. Burentt's & Ms. Jackson's students collaborating and peer editing their writing during authors' tea.



This week students in Ms. Handley's Bridge Builders Enrichment Cluster are practicing using the Engineering Design Process while building Keva block bridges.



2020 OGA SPELLING BEE FINALISTS!



OGA Elementary School Winner... Helen D.



OGA Middle School Winner... Aiden S.