



Week of February 28, 2020

"The only source of knowledge is experience."

- Albert Einstein

DID YOU KNOW?

The shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.

Important Dates

- 3/4: No Early Release – Regular Wednesday
- 3/4: OGA Battle of the Books at 3:00
- 3/6: 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Oration Contest
- 3/9: Cluster Showcase 1:30–3:00
- 3/3: Spring Pictures
- 3/12: Field Day
- 3/12: Last Day of 3<sup>rd</sup> Grading Period

Principal's Corner

Hello OGA families!

We've had some amazing activities and projects on campus. Ms Jackson's classes had a visit from a Southwest Airlines pilot. He engaged students in discussions about aeronautics, geography, history of aviation, Newton's Laws of Motion, and math. Students in Ms Switters' ELA classes researched and enacted historical figures from the Revolutionary War for a living wax museum. Visitors to the museum pressed a button to make the figures come alive. We also had our 4th graders participate in STEM activities while having fun at AstroSkate.

Calendar reminder: there will be no early release on these Wednesdays in order to ensure students have enough time to complete SAT or FSA tests. March 4, April 1 and May 6, 2020, will be full school days.

If you haven't already, please complete a survey about Orlando Gifted Academy that is part of the yearly accreditation process. 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 our school before beginning the survey.

Have a wonderful weekend!

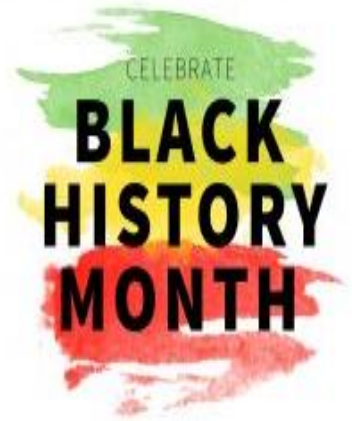


# The Blobfish



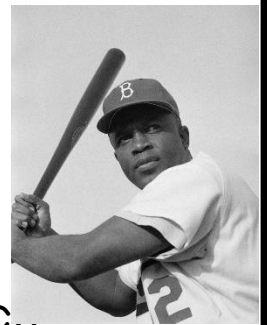
The blobfish lives in the deep waters off the coast of mainland Australia and Tasmania. It is also known as the Psychrolutes marcidus. This animal is known as the ugliest animal in the world. They are shorter than 30cm. They live very deep down in the water reaching as far down as 2,000-4,000 feet deep. Its body is made of jelly so it can withstand the pressure at the bottom of the sea.

By: Isaac R.



## Celebrating BLACK HISTORY MONTH JACKIE ROBINSON

- In 1947, he became the first African-American baseball player in major league history.
- He was a 6 time All-Star
- He played in 6 World Series and won 1.
- He later became the first African-American vice president of a major American corporation.



By: Will C.



### OGA BOOK FUNDRAISER DEDICATE A BOOK TO YOUR OGA SCHOLAR!

Our gifted learners need a library full of books tailored to their needs.  
We're raising \$8,000 for books for the OGA Media Center!



#### STEP 1: DONATE \$15 PER BOOK

Tell us who you're dedicating the book to and what you want to say, and we'll prepare a personalized dedication sticker. Donate in person or online at [ogafoundation.com](http://ogafoundation.com).



#### STEP 3: REPEAT!

There's no limit to how many books you can sponsor! Birthdays, holidays, milestone celebrations... We keep building our library as donations come in.

#### STEP 2: THEY CHOOSE A BOOK

On the designated day, the scholar you're honoring will choose a book they love and attach your dedication sticker. Your gift will leave an enduring legacy.



FOR INFORMATION AND TO DONATE VISIT [OGAFOUNDATION.COM](http://OGAFOUNDATION.COM)

## An Interview with the Jewelry Box Cluster

Q: Do you enjoy this cluster and why?

Yes, because I can make the thing that I do not have the materials for at home. – Charlie G.

Q: What are you creating?

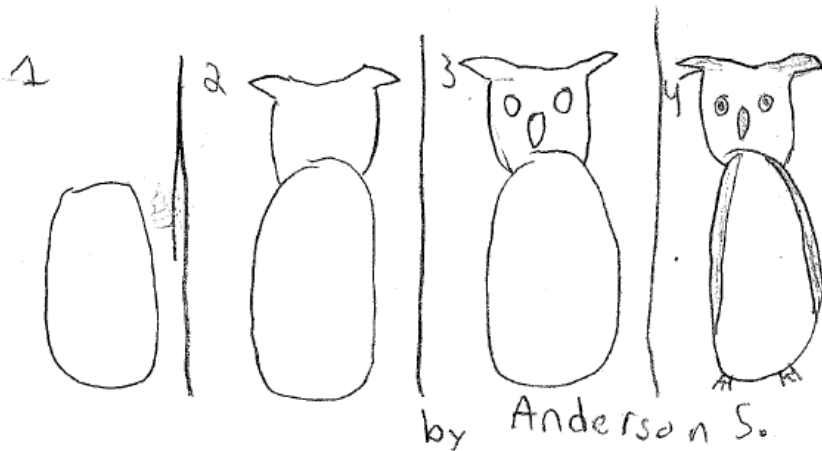
A choker that is blue, pink, white and sea mist. – Azaria S.

Q: What have you learned from being in this cluster so far?

A: I have learned how to tie a special knot. – Emmy S.



### How to Draw an owl



Check out this  
FABULOUS website  
Review:

<https://code.org/learn>

This website allows all children, even young child, to learn how to code characters and NPCs. It also lets the children's imaginations run wild and free with tv/video game/dolls characters for extra fun!

### What we CELEBRATE nationally this week!

2/21 Sticky Bun Day 	2/22 Walk a Dog Day 	2/23 Dog Biscuit Day 	2/24 Tortilla Chip Day 	2/25 Mardi Gras 	2/26 Pistachio Day 	2/27 Pokemon Day 
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By: Sophia & London

## What's Happening Around OGA

2<sup>nd</sup> grade math students will be working with customary and metric units.



3<sup>rd</sup> grade ELA classes continue to work on reviewing nonfiction standards and digging deeper with comparing and contrasting two texts. Book club #4 has also begun and the students are excited about "AstroTwins."

3<sup>rd</sup> grade Math classes are finishing up comparing and contrasting fractions and beginning the measurement and data unit

**OSC Field Trip is coming up March 10<sup>th</sup>.**

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

4<sup>th</sup> grade ELA students will be learning about Langston Hughes and engaging in some Black History activities.

4<sup>th</sup> grade Math students are going to be creating geometry stars.



5<sup>th</sup> grade ELA classes are going to be starting their speech contest speeches.

5<sup>th</sup> grade Math classes will be exploring attributes of 2D shapes.

# OUR WEEK IN PICTURES



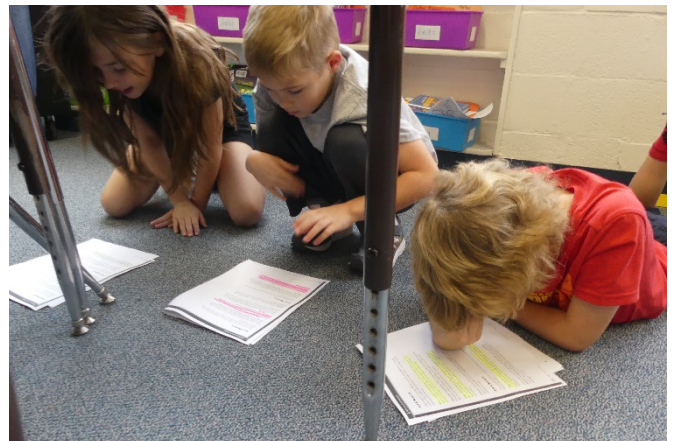
Avery donated 8 new books to our OGA library!



Riley donated a book to our OGA library!

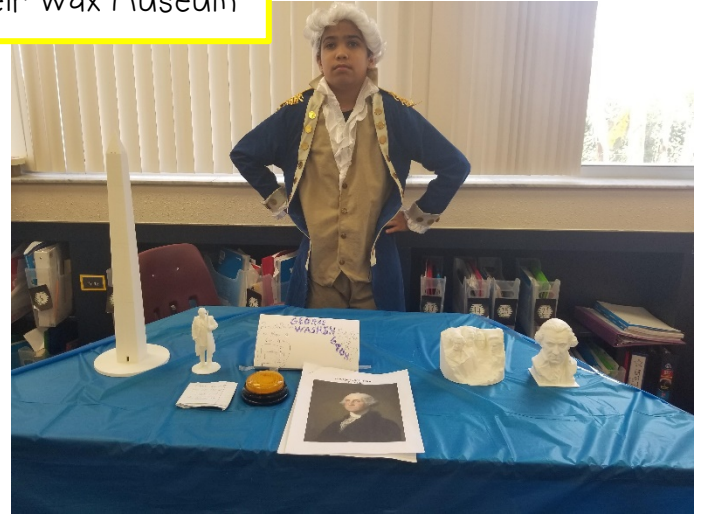


Ms. Allen's ELA classes practicing their dramas while reviewing the elements of a drama.





5th Graders presenting their Wax Museum



Jewelry Box cluster hard at work!

