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Important Dates

3/13: Student Holiday – Teacher Work Day

3/30 – Report Cards Go Home

3/16–3/20: Spring Break

4/9 – Scholastic Book Fair

3/23: Beginning of 4th Grading Period

Principal's Corner

It is hard to believe the 3rd marking period is coming to an end! Students have stayed focused on the rigorous instruction in class. Teachers presented amazing lessons and projects to keep students engaged and motivated.

Our Modern Woodsman Oration Contest was held Friday, March 6, for our 5th and 6th grade finalists (Xavier, Zoe, Colette, Oliver, Delyon, Jade, & A'Jay). They did an amazing job! They stood on stage and showcased their written and verbal skills. Congratulations to our winners: 1st place: Delyon, 2nd place: Colette; 3rd place: Oliver!

Students in Ms. Faubel's Art 2D class have been using a keen eye to take note of what they see. They have been working on sketching the beauty they see around campus. Our elementary students have begun working on a new rock pathway throughout our courtyards.

Ms. Kilpatrick's Math & Science classes used marshmallows and toothpicks to build an animal sanctuary. Students worked in pairs to create a self-standing enclosure that would hold more than one animal, was at least 6 inches tall, and had a door that opened and closed. Students enjoyed meeting the project challenge!

I have a task for students over Spring Break, which begins on Friday, March 13, 2020. Since there has been much curiosity and inquiry about the name of our mascot, I wanted to get student input. Please go to the following link

(<https://forms.gle/eRzULwJrba3JUj7F7>) to provide your suggestions. We will collect name suggestions and then narrow the list to five finalists before holding a vote for students in April. I look forward to seeing all of the creative names!

Remember, spring is a time to relax, reflect, and get renewed!

SAVE THE DATE

April 28th 6:00-7:00 pm

Parent Information Session for
parents of our rising & incoming
6th graders



We challenge our students to read more!

Orlando Gifted Academy is raising the bar for reading with our use of Beanstack. Together, we are building readers, and we want our students to continue reading all year long! Your student's job is simple: choose something of interest to read, read at least 20 minutes per day, and track that reading in our reading tracker tool: Beanstack.

Three Steps to Participate:

1. **Step 1. Sign in.**
Log into your child's LaunchPad dashboard. Look for the Beanstack symbol. Click on that, and you will be signed in!
2. **Step 2. Log Student Reading.**
Select the 'Log Reading' button on the page and enter the total minutes spent reading, along with what was read (book, magazine, etc.)
3. **Step 3. Earn Virtual Badges.**
As you log reading, you will earn virtual badges and special recognition at school.

There's Also an App for That.

To Download the Beanstack Tracker App, visit the Apple App Store or Google Play Store and search for 'Beanstack'. Using the app you may scan the books and time you read and more easily!

1. Click 'Get Started' & Select the 'Schools' tab.
2. Search for your school and select it.
3. Sign in using your typical username, using your last name (all lowercase) as the password.



Thank you parents and staff that were able to attend/bid at Soar in the 20's on Saturday 2/22/2020, everyone had a wonderful time. We raised over \$3,000 to fulfill teacher grants.

Shout out to the teachers that gave Gifts from the Heart, they were some top favorite auction items.

Please check out the www.ogafoundation.com for a list of sponsors!

OGA Foundation wants to thank OGA PTA for their assistance. This event would not have been possible with the support from the following OGA Volunteers & Families:

Betty Mittleman	Blair Cornet	Bonnie Clifton-Bell
Brian Kulbaba	Catherine Ford	Ginger Arias
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Liza Tam	Johnson-Zachary Family	Melissa Vaughan
Muldoon Family	Megan Jordan	Rae Bermann
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Sarah Courtney	Sarah Johnson-Markve	Zardo Family



The Mata Mata

The Mata Mata lives in South America. Mata Mata eat fish like minnows, platies, mollies, guppies, goldfish and night crawlers. It has a horn for a nose, 3 barbels on the chin, and his scientific name is chelus fimbriata. It's 16 to 20 inches in length. It's in the felidae family.



Top 5 things to do in Orlando during break

1. Orlando's water parks
2. ESPN's Wide World of Sports
3. Gatorland
4. Mardi Gras at Universal Studios
5. 5 EPCOT international flower & garden festival.



By: Miles & Collin

How to make a book



Step 1. First, you need to have an idea for your book By: Will & Katie-Claire

Step 2. After, you make a basic outline of the book's events

Step 3. Then, you make a rough draft of your book

Step 4. Finally, you make your final draft of your book.

Step 5. Now show all your friends the book you made!

By: Anderson

Upcoming FSA Testing Schedule:

April 1st - Fourth through Sixth FSA Writes

April 1st-2nd - Third grade FSA ELA

April 16th - Mock FSA Math

May 4th -5th - Fourth through 6th Grade FSA ELA

May 7th - 8th - Third through Sixth Grade FSA Math

May 11th - 12th - Fifth Grade NGSSS Testing



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Reminder: no early release today! School will dismiss at the same time as the M/T/Th/F schedule today. Additionally, April 1 and May 6 will also be long Wednesdays.

March 4, 2020
April 1, 2020
May 6, 2020

No Early Release on these Wednesdays



Testing tips:

1. Snack on brain food



2. Drink a lot of water










3. Study to succeed



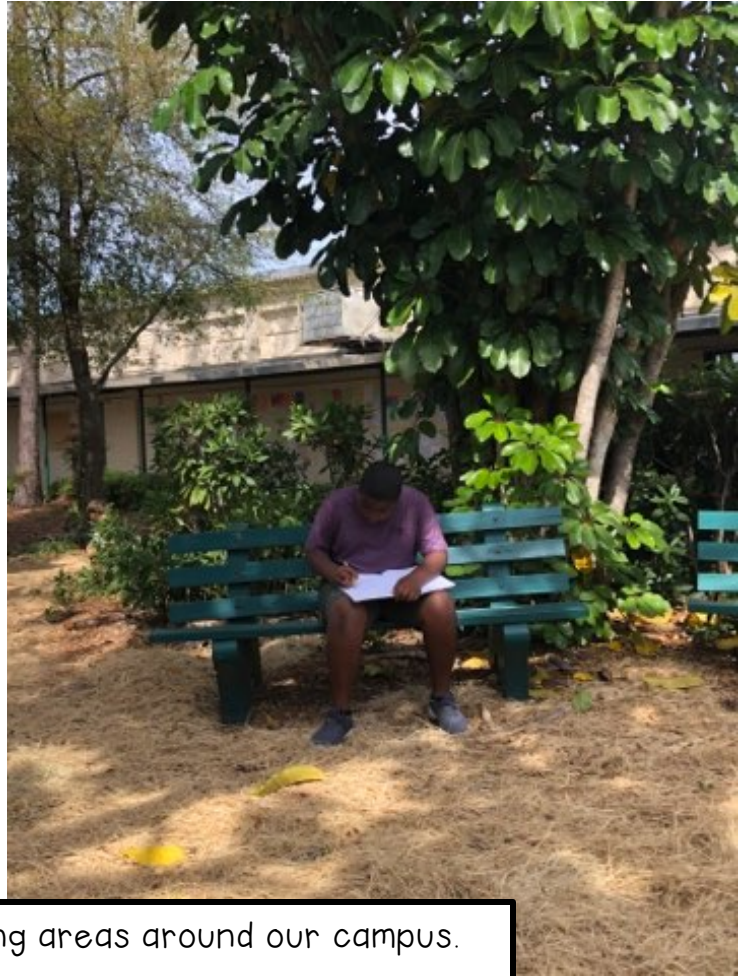
By: Katie-Claire

What we CELEBRATE nationally this week!

3/12 Girl Scout Day 	3/13 K9 Veterans Day 	3/14 Potato Chip Day 	3/15 Red Nose Day 	3/16 Artichoke Day 	3/17 St. Patrick's Day 	3/18 Awkward Moments Day 
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By: Sophia & London

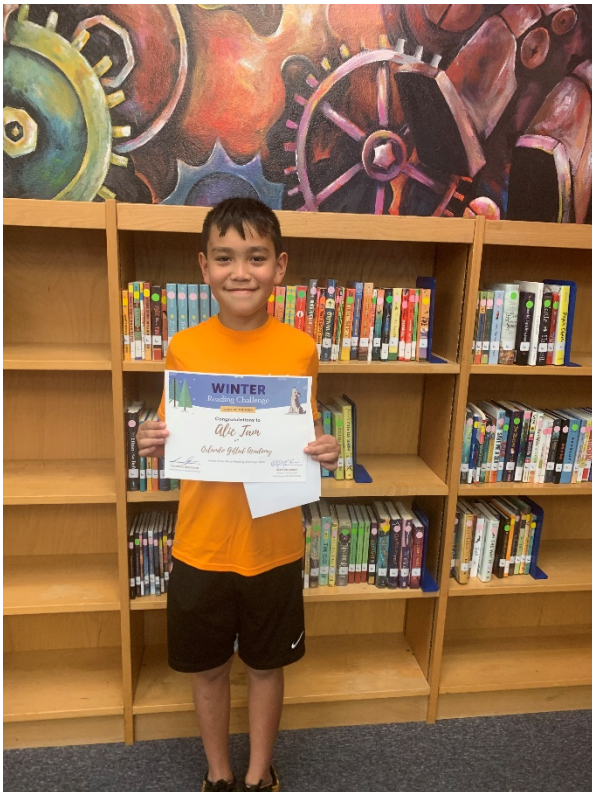
OUR WEEK IN PICTURES



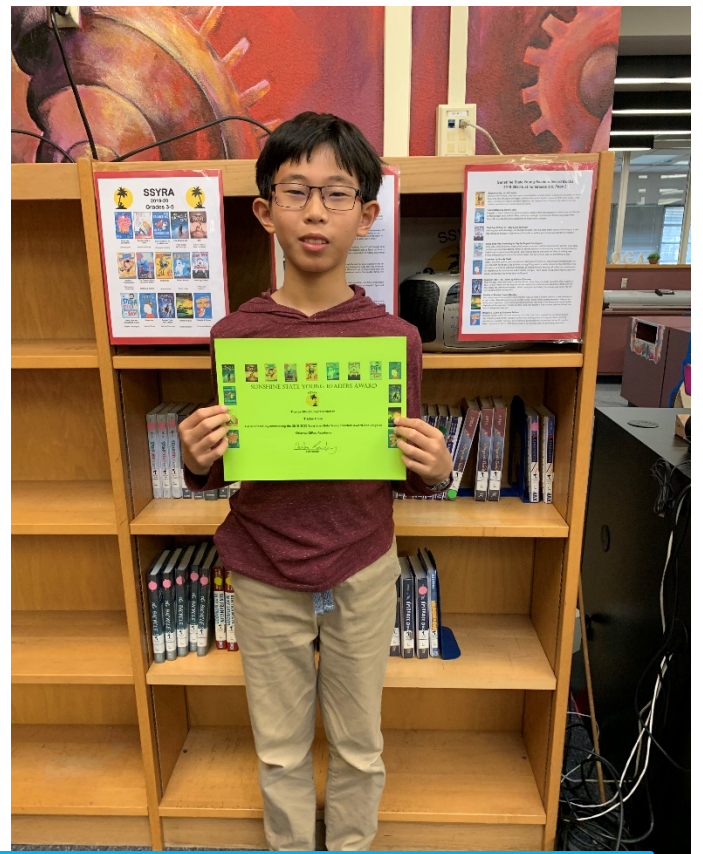
Ms. Faubel's art 2D class sketching areas around our campus.



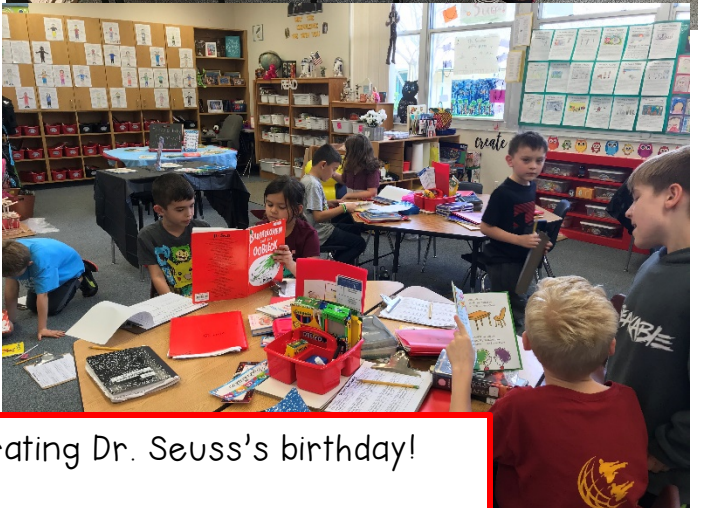
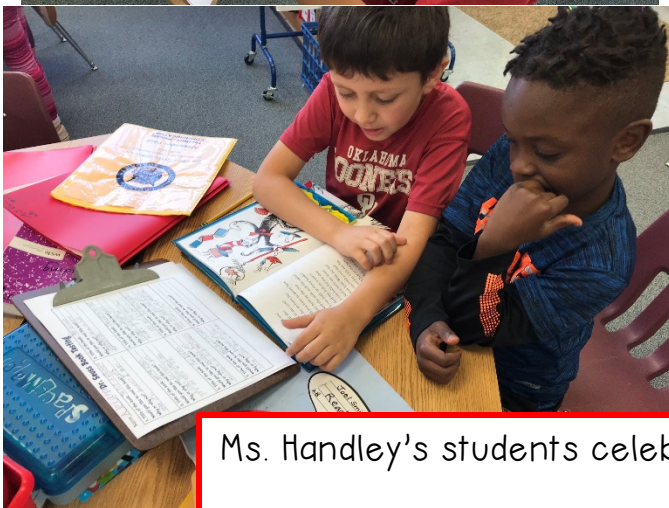
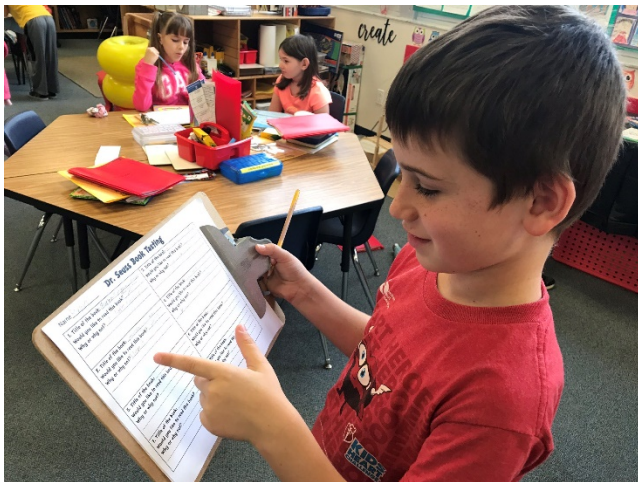
Working on our new rock pathway through the hallways!



Congratulations to Alic Tam for being the top reader for our learning community in the Winter Reading Challenge!



Gemma, John David and Tristan have read all 15 Sunshine State Books! Woo Hoo!



Ms. Handley's students celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday!