



The Owletter

Orlando Gifted Academy
Monthly Newsletter
October 2021



Principal's Message :

Fall has arrived and the 2nd grading quarter will begin on Monday, October 11th. I encourage you to check our website for school updates as well as Skyward for up-to-date grade information. Have a wonderful month!



Important October Dates:

OGA Spirit Days - 10/01, 10/08, 10/15, 10/22, 10/29

College Spirit Days - 10/06, 10/13, 10/20, 10/27

Fall Book Fair - 10/01 - 10/08

Picture Day - 10/05

National Walk to School Day - 10/06

End of 1st Marking Period - 10/07

Student Holiday - 10/08

Vision Screening (3rd/6th grade) - 10/14

SAC Meeting - 10/14

Family Math Night - 10/14

Red Ribbon Week - 10/25 - 10/29

Student Holiday - 10/29





SPECTACULAR SECOND GRADE



Mrs. Cybulski, & Mrs. Newry

Students will be working on their Compare and Contrast skills by looking for similarities and differences between stories on the same topic. Students will also build off of their knowledge of similarities and difference by engaging in projects where they will create a twisted version of popular stories of their choice and state the similarities and difference between their twisted version and the original story.

Math and Science is off to a great start! Please check on Classdojo for weekly updates and news.

3rd GRADE

Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Fosky, & Ms. Sunderman

3rd grade ELA students just completed and presented their bullying PBL and did an amazing job! Students have begun to learn the ways of book clubs and are on their second book, *The Terrible Two*. ELA students continue to work on their reading standards and work towards their AR goals! They are currently working on making inferences in literary texts to draw conclusions and find connections. In math, students are working on multiplication and division strategies and word problems. In science, students are continuing to work on the scientific method and are engaging in STEM projects to reinforce scientific concepts.

4th GRADE

Mrs. Bell, Ms. Hurley, Mrs. Zema

In October our 4th graders will continue showing us their number crunching skills with place value, adding and subtracting along with multiplying and dividing in multistep word problems.. In reading, students diving into non-fiction texts through Jr. Great Books as well as doing a short novel study of The Legend of Sleepy Hollow to coincide with our first field trip. In science students will be learning about forces of motion through cool labs that will include interaction between speed, distance and time and their effect on an object and in social studies as part of Hispanic Heritage month, we will be learning about different countries as well as important Hispanic leaders through group poster projects that will be on display in the 4th Grade gallery.



November 18, 2021

Teach-In at OGA

*Join us and share about your profession
with our OWLmazing students!*

*For more information contact our school
counselor, Ms. Niccarra Brown*

**All presenters must be ADDitions approved.*

October is Bullying Prevention Month
October 4th – Wear Blue for World Bullying Prevention Day



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5th Grade

Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Kuerzi, Ms. Switters

5th graders are hard at work. Our students are focused on making cross-curriculum connections with math, science, reading, and writing standards. Additionally, they participate in weekly lessons that provide them with consistent opportunities to cultivate, practice, and reflect on social and emotional challenges.

In mathematics, our scholars will apply order of operations and evaluate expressions. A solid foundation of place value skills will pave the way for a smooth transition to decimal operations and problem solving in the real world. We will prepare for the NOETIC Fall Math Contest, which tests multiple strategies and their ability to think and provide solutions outside the box.

Science highlights include continued investigations with matter, research to find out about Earth, the Solar System, the Universe and space exploration. From there, our students will perform experiments with force and motion through Amusement Park Physics and SECME challenges such as building mousetrap cars, bridges, and catapults. October also brings forth all kinds of Spooky Science.

In ELA, our classes will concentrate on opinion and informational response to text. Students will write essays on a variety of topics such as Growth Mindset, science current events, and the Age of Exploration. We are looking forward to the challenge of a new novel study, where readers will explore the adventure genre through Gary Paulsen's timeless book, Hatchet.



6th Grade

6th grade ELA will start exploring classic literature by reading poems by Edgar Allen Poe. They will also be comparing spooky tales from other writers including Marquez and Neruda.



7th Grade

7th grade ELA will be introduced to British literature through Rudyard Kipling's Rikki Tikki Tavi and by reading H.G. Wells War of the Worlds. They will listen to Orson Welles' 1938 radio drama War of the Worlds and compare it to the HG Wells novel.

8th Grade

Our next unit, How Do We See The World, will focus on the impact of word choice, text structure, and perspective through a brief exploration of autism, learning difficulties, and mental illness. We will also begin exploring argumentative writing.



6th Grade

Having laid a strong foundation on the key components for civilizations, we turn our attention to the 4 great ancient river valley civilizations. Mesopotamia comes first, then it is off to the Nile to explore ancient Egypt.

7th Grade

Having learned about the lead up to the Declaration of Independence, we turn to the early years of the U.S., the conflicts connected to the Articles of Confederation, the ongoing negotiations and the ultimate development and ratification of the U.S. Constitution.



8th Grade

For the month of October, we're delving deeply into the American Revolution, exploring at the philosophies and important thinkers of the American Enlightenment. We're going to look closely at the two sides of the war, the Patriots and the Loyalists, for a more complex understanding of what each side had to gain and to lose because of the conflict.

MATHEMATICS

6th Grade

We have concluded our unit on negative numbers and the coordinate plane. It will be the first grade your student will receive for the second nine weeks. In the month of October, we will be working on some 7th grade standards that involve operations with rational numbers. We will also be working on 6th grade standards ratios and proportional relationships.

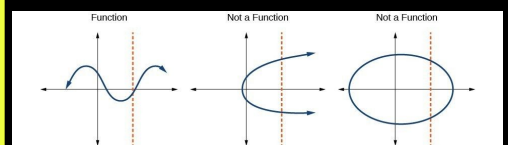


7th Grade

We have had an amazing 8 weeks in class! Your 6th and 7th grade scholars have been working extremely hard to learn about rates and proportional relationships. With all three classes combined; they maintained an average passing rate of 90%! That is an amazing achievement! We have been doing independent practice in Khan Academy, BrainPop, MathXL, and assigned iReady lessons. We also had a great time trying to escape from a digital escape room! Some made it out and some didn't! Next up: 7.RP.1.3, which is Percent reasoning.

Pre-Algebra

Students will continue to learn and apply skills related to both linear and nonlinear functions. Later in the month, they will describe and sketch graphs based on their qualitative characteristics.

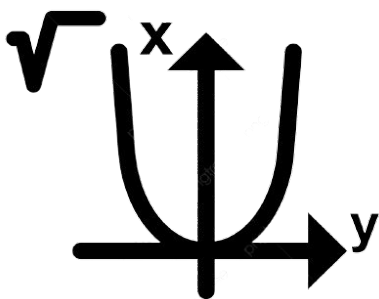




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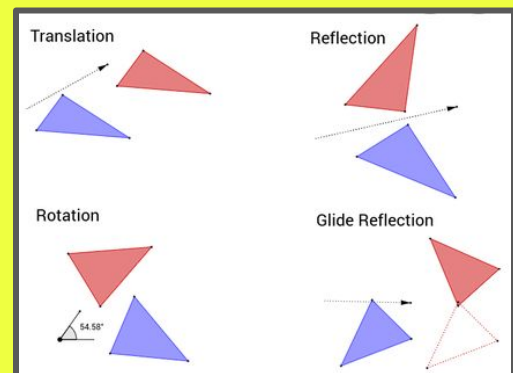
Algebra I

We have put in some major work during the first 8 weeks of class! We just finished a unit on solving equations and inequalities in one variable. We have been doing group work and everyone has been on task and we have had 100% participation. Your scholars have been working hard and helping others who might need a little help. With the hard work that has been displayed, we managed to score a whopping average of 97% on the unit exam! We also had a great time trying to escape from a digital escape room! Some made it out and some didn't! Next up: Functions!



Geometry

Students in Honors Geometry will finish their unit on Transformations by participating in the 1st Annual Peace and Justice Art Show. They will apply transformations to create original works of art on the subject of Peace and Justice. These works will be auctioned to raise money for UNICEF.



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ORLANDO GIFTED ACADEMY

FROM THE PAGES DANCE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28th

2:00 - 3:00 PM

Donations Accepted!!

\$1.00 or 1 Non-Perishable Item

Refreshments available for purchase!



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NJHS

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Wednesdays - Car Loop

Fridays - Car Line



Creative writing will begin their fractured fairy tales unit in October by reading through Grimm's fairy tales. They will then be comparing them to other tales from around the world, and will write their own fractured fairy tale.

We are so excited to have put out several editions of our biweekly newspaper. Please check out the latest edition on the OGA Website under the School Information tab.



Advanced Academics

During the month of September in Advanced Academics, the students worked on their first PBL project: "What it means to be gifted". The Advanced Academic teachers used this first project to help model how to create a real-world, well-crafted project. The students researched different categories of giftedness such as the social/emotional aspects, traits/characteristics, the neuroscience of the gifted brain, and the process of how one becomes staffed into the gifted program. Through this process, the students learned about themselves and have been reviewing their own goals as stated in his/her Educational Plan (EP). During the last week of the September, the students shared their final products during class time and with parents during our Virtual Open House.



Mrs. Cuomo can provide more information about what's happening in this course in October. Please contact Christina.Cuomo@ocps.net for details.

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PICTURE DAY: 10/5/2021
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Picture Day Information



MAKERSPACE MATERIALS NEEDED

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Lego

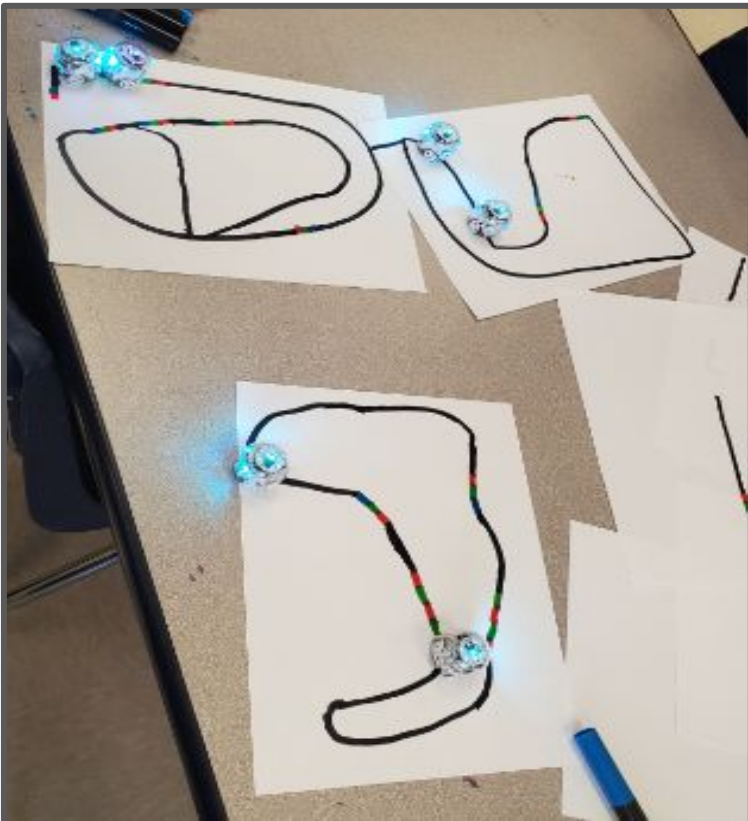
Printer paper

Black/Blue/Gree/Red Markers

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We have picked our problem, and now we are working on our solution. We will begin building soon!

Please support our team through a direct donation on SchoolPay, buying Smencils and other novelties, or purchasing items on our Amazon wish list (tinyurl.com/AmazonOlowu21). We will also accept any donations of art supplies and tools, fabrics, etc..





This month we will continue to focus on Hispanic Heritage month with a Hispanic Heritage Impact project on someone of Latino/Hispanic descent. They will be analyzing the difference this person made from multiple perspectives. We will continue to learn verb conjugation, conversational frames, and begin completing more writing.

All 3 robotics teams are hard at work completing game missions, learning and researching problems related to cargo transportation, and working with other teams as they prepare for the pre-qualifying competition happening later this year. They will also participate in a virtual conference with Amazon's fulfillment center to learn more about how packages are transported from location to location.



The race to make the best arguments continues as we continue prepare for the debate "Should the sale of human organs be legalized?"



NJHS students will be participating and sponsoring many activities in the month of October. Students will be selling pink bracelets in support of the Breast Cancer Foundation of Central Florida. They will also be co-sponsors of the From The Pages Dance on October 28th. Our members were recognized last month by the national NJHS office for their service activities.



Join our Walk to School Day!

Orlando Gifted Academy
invites you and your children to join us for Walk to School Day this year.

Walk to School Day is a great way to try a fun, aerobic approach to the daily school commute and learn about crosswalk safety and street smarts. Join us this year by walking to school with your children - either from your house or part of the way - and participating in our Walk to School Day festivities.

This year's Walk to School Day event will take place on: **October 6th, 2021**
Event time: **8:00AM**
Starting location: **Lake Highland Park**
At the big tree on the corner of Lake Highland Dr. and Ferris Ave. **SCHOOL**



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- friendship
- peer pressure
- making the right decisions
- managing stress
- conflict resolution

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Middle school can be a tough time socially. The Athenian Society gives you a fun, relaxing group where you can feel safe to laugh, share, create, and receive insights. Each week you will also learn a vital life skill that will help you move through middle school and beyond with more wisdom, courage, and strength. Please join us!




WHAT GIRLS AND PARENTS ARE SAYING:

Athenian Society with Ms. Tame has been a great experience this past year. I'm allowed the freedom to be me without judgement. I would recommend the program to anyone at OGA in need of a space to talk and enjoy yourself. —Natalie, age 12


The Athenian Society was a safe place to talk to Ms. Tame and other girls about how I felt and to have great conversations! It was very fun to meet up with everyone and share about how our week was! —Katherine, age 12

My daughter loved the club and connecting with her peers especially during the COVID months. Creating a safe place for young girls to share ideas and experiences is extremely important and Athenian Society was instrumental in my daughter's development this year. She is excited to be a part of it again. —Rose, parent

Hosted by
MS. KRISTEN TAME
Certified Life Coach
Florida Certified Educator
Former OGA Teacher



Would you like more information or are you ready to sign up? Contact me!



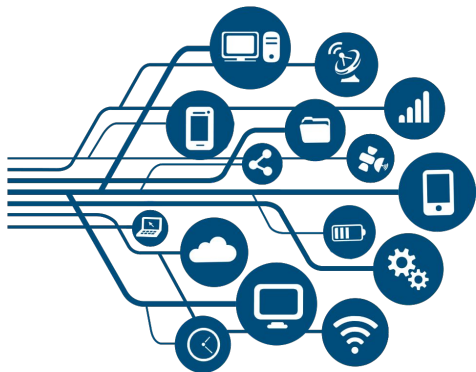
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Elementary art students and middle school Art 2 students have been learning about a variety of art created by Hispanic artists in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month. Congratulations to the following students who will have their art on display in the Hispanic Heritage Month Student Exhibition at the Ronald Blocker Educational Leadership Center: Selia, Ella F., Sofia S., Kalena, Jade, Blaise, Scarlett, Kyle, and Alexander Y. Great job artists!!



Video production is working on the magnet fair commercial and the daily news. See our YouTube channel found on the school website.

DIT had a guest speaker assist the students with deconstructing the internal parts of a computer. We are finishing up a unit on hardware components.



Creative Photography students have been learning about the Elements of Art and how they pertain to photography. Students have been focusing on lines and value to create interesting compositions.

