



The Owletter

Orlando Gifted Academy Monthly Newsletter November 2022



Principal's Message :

I sincerely hope you each have the opportunity to spend valuable time with your family and loved ones during this Holiday Season. I am grateful for our OGA family as we strive to make our school the best it can be. Happy Thanksgiving!



Important November Dates:

OGA Spirit Days - 11/4, 11/11, 11/18

College Spirit Days - 11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/30

Kindness Spirit Week - 11/7 - 11/11

Middle School Writing Assessment - 11/7

Solar Bears STEM Annual School Day Game - 5th Grade - 11/8

No Early Dismissal - 11/9

Multicultural Night - 11/10

SAC Meeting - 11/10

NJHS Cards for Veterans - 11/11

NJHS Can Food Drive - 11/14 - 11/18

Mission FIT - 2nd Grade - 11/15

Progress Reports - 11/17

Teach-In - 11/18

Thanksgiving Break - 11/21 - 11/25

School-Wide Spelling Bee - 12/2





SPECTACULAR SECOND GRADE



Ms. Cortes and Ms. Gutierrez

During the month of November in Math/Science, 2nd grade will be working on solving one and two-step word problems. We will also be rounding numbers to the nearest 10 up to 100. In Science, we will be learning about different types of energy such as: electricity, heat, light, sound, and the energy of motion. We will also be learning about how the energy in moving air and water, along with light energy from the Sun, can be changed into electricity to use to power things. For Language Arts, our 2nd graders will be working on identifying the central idea and supporting details. They will also be working on re-telling various texts. They will be introduced to expository writing and working on creating their own pieces.

3rd GRADE

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

3rd grade ELA students are busy learning about different types of poems while also creating their own. Figurative language has been an engaging skill that will continue to explore during November. Book clubs are going well and the students are thinking "The Terrible Two" is pretty hilarious! Next up is "Tuesdays at the Castle."

Students are looking forward to our 4th annual Friendsgiving celebration. Please be on the lookout for a signup genius to help out!

In Math, 3rd-grade students will be exploring the concepts of area and perimeter. They will use formulas and strategies to determine the area and perimeter of shapes, as well as solve real world problems involving these measurements. While learning about these attributes, the students will participate in a PBL where they will use their understanding of area and perimeter to create their own theme park blueprints.

In Science, students will investigate animals and classify them into major groups (vertebrates, invertebrates, mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, arthropods, etc.) according to their characteristics.

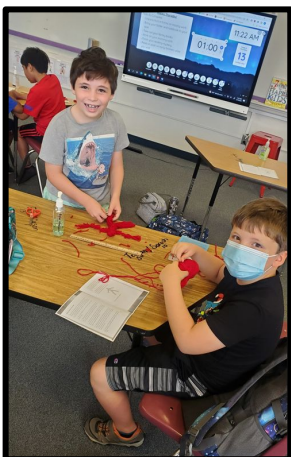
4th GRADE

Ms. Breutsch, Mrs. Danese, Ms. Hurley, Mr. Osman

In Language Arts, 4th graders will be learning how to explain a stated or implied theme, review plot and summarizing a text to enhance comprehension, then will end the month with our unit on author's perspective, author's claim, and reviewing text structures in an informational text. In Social Studies, students will continue learning about the exploration and settlement of Florida, using DBQ's (Document Based Questions) and PBL's (Project Based Learning) to enhance learning.

Please be sure to check with your child weekly to see how many AR points they have earned toward their quarterly 25 point goal. The deadline to meet the goal is December 16.

In Mathematics, we are concluding our multiplication and division unit, where they can multiply a 2 digit by 3 digit number, and also divide a 4 digit number by one digit using a strategy they feel comfortable in. Then we will move onto place value up to 1,000,000. In science, we are going to work on Big Idea 12: Motion of Objects. We will use marble coasters (probably a time or two) as a fun science activity to explore the different concepts. Then, we will move onto Forms of Energy.





5th Grade

Ms. Hanson, Mrs. Kuerzi, Mrs. Stoute, Mrs. Valentin

This month, 5th Grade ELA will be working on improving and strengthening our writing skills with our argumentative writing essay topic- Would you implant your phone in your brain? Scholars will choose a side to debate and complete their essay on given the source evidence to back up their argument. In reading, we will be working on expressing our thankfulness by creating poems that are written with different types of figurative language. Fifth grade students will be diving deeper into operations with decimals division and multiplication. They will also be practicing adding and subtracting fractions with unlike denominators. In science, our scholars will begin studying Force, Motion, and Energy with interesting projects and hands-on inquiry. On November 8th our kids will attend a Solar Bears Field Trip. Exciting November!

New Ways November 2022



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
 7 Be creative. Cook, draw, write, paint, make or inspire	1 Make a list of new things you want to do this month	2 Respond to a difficult situation in a different way	3 Get outside and observe the changes in nature around you	4 Sign up to join a new course, activity or online community	5 Change your normal routine today and notice how you feel	6 Try out a new way of being physically active
14 Find a new way to help or support a cause you care about	8 Plan a new activity or idea you want to try out this week	9 When you feel you can't do something, add the word "yet"	10 Be curious. Learn about a new topic or an inspiring idea	11 Choose a different route and see what you notice on the way	12 Find out something new about someone you care about	13 Do something playful outdoors - walk, run, explore, relax
21 Learn a new skill from a friend or share one of yours with them	15 Build on new ideas by thinking "Yes, and what if..."	16 Look at life through someone else's eyes and see their perspective	17 Try a new way to practice self-care and be kind to yourself	18 Connect with someone from a different generation	19 Broaden your perspective: read a different paper, magazine or site	20 Make a meal using a recipe or ingredient you've not tried before
28 Discover your artistic side. Design a friendly greeting card	22 Find a new way to tell someone you appreciate them	23 Set aside a regular time to pursue an activity you love	24 Share with a friend something helpful you learned recently	25 Use one of your strengths in a new or creative way	26 Try out a different radio station or new TV show	27 Join a friend doing their hobby and find out why they love it
	29 Enjoy new music today. Play, sing, dance or listen	30 Look for new reasons to be hopeful, even in tough times				





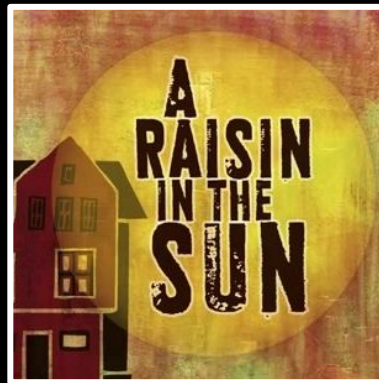
6th Grade

In 6th grade ELA, students will work on a Mysteries and Investigations unit. They will also be taking their first Write Score writing assessment.



7th Grade

Students in 7th grade will will read Lorraine Hansberry's A Raisin in the Sun.



8th Grade

We are continuing with our informative readings and writing standards as we explore the implications of food waste. I can't wait until the start making their own PSAs!





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We have been up and down the Nile in our exploration of the thirty-one dynasties of ancient Egypt. Students are creating character maps on these rulers, before we drop into Nubia and the under-studied Kingdom of Kush.



Having separated the powers out into the three branches of government and their respective checks and balances, we shift into a unit on Elections and Campaigns, just in time for the midterm elections.

LEGISLATIVE	EXECUTIVE	JUDICIAL
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Makes laws *Approves presidential appointments *Two senators from each state *The number of congressmen is based on population 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Signs laws *Vetoes laws *Pardons people *Appoints federal judges *Elected every four years 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Decides if laws are constitutional *Are appointed by the president *There are 9 justices *Can overturn rulings by other judges

For more information about 8th Grade US History, please contact Ms. Buyo at Louise.Buyo@ocps.net



6th Grade

Students will compare and contrast the general processes of sexual reproduction requiring meiosis and asexual reproduction requiring mitosis. Including compare and/or contrast processes of sexual and asexual reproduction that result in the passage of hereditary information from one generation to another. Our project will include the use of gummi bears (in which I will need 8 packages, please!)

7th Grade

Dr. Roz can provide more information about what's happening in this course in November. Please contact Mark.Rozmarynowycz@ocps.net for details.

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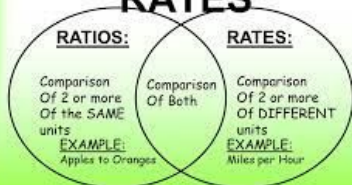


MATHEMATICS

6th Grade

6th grade math students are finishing up graphing on the coordinate plane as well as finding distances between plotted points. They are now able to find the area of a shape based on coordinate geometry. Next up will be rates and ratios. Students will apply these concepts in real-life situations.

RATIOS & RATES



7th Grade

We have had an amazing start to the second 9 weeks in class! Most of your scholars have been working extremely hard! During this marking period, we are hoping to bring in more energy and effort as I am trying to get them prepared for Algebra next year! We are testing on Scientific Notation & Equivalent Expressions this week. Please have your scholars work in Khan Academy and practice problems from in class at least 10-15 minutes per day. All lessons and Google Slides are located in Launchpad in Math Nation. Next up: Ratios and Proportional Relationships!

Pre-Algebra

Hello! I'm excited about the effort that most of the Pre-Algebra students are giving! We will be testing on Scientific Notation this week and starting on a new unit. We have been busy pulling small groups and giving some one on one to the students. This is done at least twice a week to make sure that they are grasping all concepts. Next up: Solving Linear Equations.

Solving Linear Equations

$$\begin{array}{ll} -8 = 5 - r & 7x = -56 \\ -8n = 48 & 5 - x = 12 \\ 6.3 = -2 + y & 6 + x = 13 \end{array}$$

MATHEMATICS

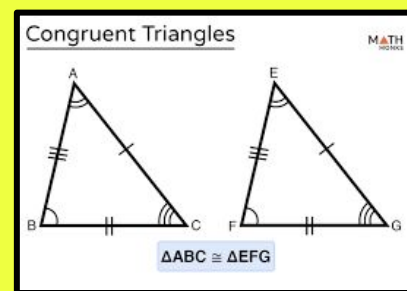
Algebra I

Greetings! We have just started the Key Features of Linear Equations Unit. We have picked up the pace and our flow is steady. We have been doing problems daily and working in IXL to get more practice. Please have your scholars do practice problems in IXL about 10-15 minutes daily. This will help them perform better on test. The students that put forth the effort to do practice math at home usually grasp the concepts much quicker. All lessons and Google Slides are located in Launchpad in Math Nation. Next up: Solving Equations and Linear Inequalities in One Variable!



Geometry

Students in Geometry have been doing an amazing job at learning this year's standards! I'm proud of their growth mindsets and how willing they are to take risks with their learning. This month, we'll continue learning about Triangles and Congruency. Students will learn how to use postulates and theorems, such as SSS, SAS, ASA, AAS, and HL to complete proofs showing two triangles are congruent. Furthermore, they will use CPCTC (Congruent Parts of Congruent Triangles are Congruent) to proof how pieces of triangles are congruent to each other.



Thank you all for your support of our Fall Book Fair. It was a huge success and not only did students purchase a lot of books we were able to get many for our library!! A huge thank you to the volunteers who worked the Book Fair and helped make it a success!



OGA Robotics Showcase



FLL LEGO LEAGUE

Sponsored by Teams 37813, 37814, and 37815

Teams will showcase their robot engineering and innovation project

Thursday, November 10th 4:00 - 5:00PM

A graphic for a Bomb Pop sale. It features three Bomb Pop ice cream cones with blue and pink stripes. The text reads: 'NJHS BOMB POP SALE \$1.00'. Below that, it says 'Wednesdays - Car Loop' and 'Fridays - Car Line'.

ORLANDO GIFTED ACADEMY

MULTICULTURAL NIGHT

November 10th, 2022, 5-6:15pm



Sean Maguire, Principal * Andrea Hale, A.Principal



Creative writing authors will be working on an anthology.

Hopefully you are enjoying the student-led newspaper. You can find The Owl Messenger at <https://orlandogiftedacademy.ocps.net/> under the School Information tab.



Advanced Academics

November- Advanced Academics with Mrs. Dunn

The students did an amazing job on their presentations for their first projects with Defined Learning. For November, students will be coming up with their own topic ideas based on their individual passions, likes, and interests. Students will be developing their own PBL project by deciding on their topic, driving question, SMART goal, researching thought provoking questions, analyzing, and synthesizing the information to make a conclusion to help solve real-world problems, and developing a product. I look forward to seeing what the students decide to do.

November - Advanced Academics with Mrs. Bell

Students will work on the gifted goal GK.12.4 "Application of Acquired Knowledge": They will identify and think creatively to identify and solve a real-world problem along with creatively presenting their knowledge.

November- Service Learning with Mrs. Dunn

For the month of November, the students in all three classes are continuing our first Service Learning Project on verbal bullying. We will continue working on the investigation stage which entails, researching, and conducting observations. Then we will move on to the planning stage of the project. I am look forward to where our research and the end demonstration leads us!



In French, students will learn restaurant-setting vocabulary and read informational texts that discuss food choices and food around the world.



In PE, elementary students will be kicking off the Kids Heart Challenge. They will be practicing their jumping skills while raising money for a great cause, The American Heart Association.

The campaign will conclude on November 11th.

Middle schoolers will continue with team sports.



November will see us continuing our study of engineering. We'll explore 3D modeling with computer-aided design, use computer science to automate our VEX mechanisms, and continue to create physical computing systems.



Dual/Individual Sports: We'll continue improving our hand/eye coordination through a series of bat and racket games.



MAKERSPACE MATERIALS NEEDED

Please donate the following items:

- Lego
- Printer paper
- Black/Blue/Green/Red Markers
- PLA Filament for 3D printing
- Thin Basswood Sheets for laser engraving
- Cricut vinyl sheets

Please leave donations at the front office with "makerspace" marked on it. As always, we appreciate your support. Much love, Ms. Cybulski

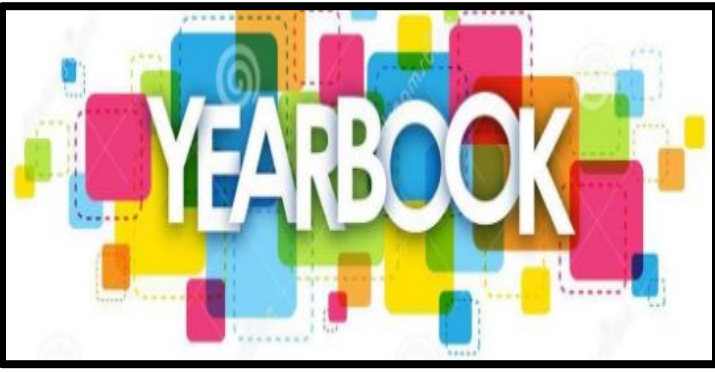


Our preliminary scripts are written and we have begun set and costume designs. We are now on Top Secret mode and cannot divulge any more details. We can, however, still accept donations of recyclable materials, tools, and art supplies. Thanks to all who supported our 1st annual garage sale!

We are gearing up for makerspace after winter break. Please help support our makerspace by visiting our Wishlist on amazon: <https://amzn.to/3VEDdLf>

MANDARIN CHINESE

In Mandarin, our 4th and 5th grade students are finishing up their 2nd cycle of Mandarin with learning about family members in Mandarin and practicing our traditional Chinese Calligraphy. Our 2nd and 3rd grade students are learning about Chinese Geography, culture, and holidays as well as practicing their Chinese Calligraphy.



You may connect to your student and pre-order the yearbook at treering.com. The school code is 1015471484454363. 8th grade parents may also purchase ads for their students.



Students in Spanish will focus on learning how to talk about and describe families. The students will also create a family tree to present during class.

This month we're continuing to prepare for our qualifying competition taking place on December 3rd at Lake Highland Prep. Last Saturday, Lightning Legends were awarded the Robot Design Award at the RedFins Invitational. Their robot game run scored 205 points!!



For more information regarding debate class, please contact Ms. Buyo at Louise.Buyo@ocps.net



National Junior Honor Society will be sponsoring events in the month of November. First, we will be providing students with an opportunity to make thank you cards for Veteran's Day. Also, they will be sponsoring a canned food drive in support of First Harvest Food Pantry. For more information, contact Dr. Carr via email at Alexander.Carr@ocps.net

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Molly G. who was honored for her project being selected as our first winner as part of our Author of the Year Program. Molly did a mini book report and created a scratch code to be our winner. Way to go Molly! Don't forget you can each month we will have an elementary and middle school winner, contact Ms. Lineberry for more details

Author of the Year
Jane Austen

Complete a mini book report about Jane Austen to be eligible for prizes.

See Ms. Lineberry for more details.



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Wednesdays from 2:00pm-3:00pm
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Want a weekly club to get together with trusted friends and have fun discussing topics such as

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

Then this is the club for you!

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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Classes are for middle school girls and are only \$50 per week or \$35 per month!
Interested in joining? Please have your parents email me to reserve your spot!
KristenTame@gmail.com. Please sign up quickly as the class is limited to 12 girls.



Elementary Art -

November will be a busy month in the Art room! Second graders will be creating mixed-media self-portraits. Third graders will be learning about abstract art and creating their own abstract masterpieces. Fourth graders will be learning about artist Alejandra Robles Barba and then creating imaginative cityscapes and landscapes. Fifth graders will be learning about artist Lourdes Villagomez and taking inspiration from her colorful artwork.

Be sure to check out the artwork on display November 10th during multicultural night! Artwork from 2nd and 3rd graders will be featured on the bulletin boards that evening.

Art I students will begin a unit on weaving. They will learn how to create their own loom from cardboard and have a chance to practice their weaving skills



Creative Photography students will begin their study of the Principles of Design. They will focus on incorporating both the Elements of Art and Principles of Design as they take pictures on campus and at home.



November is
**NATIVE
AMERICAN
HERITAGE MONTH**



Now Accepting
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Deadline to Apply
Feb. 15, 2023



CELEBRATING VETERANS DAY

HONORING WHO ALL RESERVED

11.11.22
8:00 - 8:40

OGA Courtyard by Flag Pole

Sponsored by OGA's NJHS Chapter

NOVEMBER - RESPONSIBILITY

Help teach your child the November character trait: Responsibility. We want our students to learn how to be accountable with words and actions, how to make good choices, and how to do what they say they will do

Be a good role model



Give choices and opportunities to make decisions



Break down larger tasks into smaller ones



Use the language of responsibility



Assign chores to teach responsibility



ORLANDO GIFTED ACADEMY

CANNED FOOD CHALLENGE

MONDAY, NOV. 14 - FRIDAY, NOV. 18

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- 3RD GRADE - GRANOLA
- 4TH GRADE - RICE
- 5TH GRADE - PASTA
- 6TH GRADE - GRAPE JELLY
- 7TH GRADE - COOKING OIL
- 8TH GRADE - BEANS



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