

FINE ARTS / STEM / LIBRARY / SPANISH ROTATIONS NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



Specials Rotations Reminders

- Be sure to charge your laptops and iPads when you get home from school.
- Make sure you have headphones at school for ALL classes, even rotations use them from time to time!
- 3rd Graders - Make sure you have your recorder for music class each week!
- K-5: Know when you have Art, make sure we aren't wearing our nicest and whitest clothes to art class.
- Check out OGS Art on Artsonia!

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

- **ALL BANDS CONCERT:**
 - Feb 13 @ 6:30 PM
- **NEWSIES JR:**
 - Thurs., Feb. 29- School Performance & 7:00 PM
 - Friday, March 1- 7:00 PM
 - Sat., March 2-11:00 AM
- **Battle of the Books**
 - Starts March 11!
- **SAVE THE DATES:**
 - First Grade Open House and Concert April 11
 - Second Grade Open House and Concert May 23
 - 3rd Grade Recorder Concert April 24th 6:30PM

K-5 ART

Ms. Spector & Mrs. Vance

- Kindergarten is learning about warm colors and collaging and creating an erupting volcano collage.
- 1st Grade is learning about landscapes and organic shapes.
- 2nd Grade is learning about Romero Britto and Cubism.
- 3rd Grade is working hard on their self portraits learning about the scientific and mathematic proportions of the face and drawing the realistic shapes.
- 4th Grade is drawing landscapes in the style of contemporary artist, Jen Aranyi and is excited to add some watercolors to their skies next week.
- 5th Grade is learned how to use window light to trace and make a radial symmetry pattern like a Kaleidoscope. We are learning colored pencil shading techniques to add color to their patterns.

Junior High ART

Mrs. Vance

QUARTER 3

- 6th Grade Art Survey started with a self portrait unit and have transitioned into building printmaking boards to print with next week.
- *7th Grade Printmaking and Mixed Media started the quarter learning a new drawing technique using Scratchboard. They made some amazing animal images using the subtractive process. Check out Artsonia to see the results! We just started our reduction printmaking unit this week.*
- 8th Grade - Mrs. Vance is assisting with the choreography and prop design for Newsies Jr.!

DRAMA

Ms. Ludington

- Kindergarten students pretended to sled, skate, drink hot cocoa, and have a snowball fight as part of our Snow Unit. Students were also given their first opportunity to run the classroom lightboard.
- 2nd Graders acted out the first few scenes of the classic tale Peter Pan which feature Michael, John and Wendy- none of whom want to go to bed on time :)
- 4th Graders are acting out an African tale called "How Anansi Brought The Stories Down." Students have been using acting, as well as basic costumes and stage lighting to bring this trickster tale to life.
- 6th Grade - After a week of lessons focusing on physical acting, students are beginning their work with the Commedia Dell'Arte Characters Pantalone and Dottore.
- 7th Graders (Director / Designer) Students have been brainstorming ways to use costuming, prop choices and set design to add meaning to scenes that are vague or uninteresting. This is one of the jobs of a theatrical director.
- 8th Graders (Musical Theater)- Class rehearsals are starting to focus more on acting scenes and dancing. After School Rehearsals have begun. We are in the final stretch!

K-5 SPANISH

Señora Loch

- Kindergarten is learning Valentine's theme vocabulary. They are also learning to sing "head, shoulders, knees, and toes" in Spanish.
- 1st Grade is learning "members of the family" vocabulary. They are creating a family project with the members of their family and sharing it with their class.
- 2nd Grade is practicing counting up to 100 in Spanish. They are learning a new number song and calendar songs.
- 3rd Graders are reading "El Primer Beso De Froggy" and making Spanish Valentines.
- 4th Graders are learning the shapes. They created pizzas with different shape toppings. Then, they counted and wrote about how many of each topping they put on their pizza.
- 5th Graders are working in small groups on a research project about the Spanish speaking countries of the world. They are studying the location on the map, the flags, and researching fun facts about each country.

K-5 MUSIC

Mr. Farris, Mr. Frankowski & Mr. Jones

- Kindergarten - We love reading books, performing, and having fun in music class. We sang a song called 'We Made It' about the 100th day of school and learned a fun singing game called 'Apple Tree'. We are becoming great young musicians!
- 1st Grade - We learned all about Beethoven and his song 'Ode to Joy'. We followed a listening map, watched a flash mob performance, and performed it on our BoomWhackers. We also sang some great songs like 'One Hundred Days!' about the 100th day of school.
- 2nd Grade - We focused on our movement while singing 'Dancing all Day' and sang a four part song celebrating the 100th day of school called 'See how much we've learned'. We also learned about chords in music and tried them out using our BoomWhackers.
- 3rd Grade - Mark your calendars! We have our 3rd grade music concert on April 24 at 6:30 p.m. here at OGS. Details to come as we get closer.
- 4th Grade - We are working on our instrument projects!
- 5th Grade is splitting time on instruments with exploring the lives of famous composers and their famous musical works.

JH MUSIC

Mr. Farris

QUARTER 3

- 6th Grade -The last guitar rotation did a great job with their lunch concert! Mr. Murray enjoyed our parody of 'Marry You', titled 'Murray You'. This new rotation is doing so well getting started learning guitar. We've already become comfortable with the chords C, G, D, A7 and Em. I can tell we're going to make great music!
- 7th Grade - The last guitar rotation did a great job with their lunch performance! One of the songs they performed was Elvis' 'Can't Help Falling In Love' with Ukuleles playing the chords and the guitars picking the melody. This new rotation is doing a great job learning how to read guitar Tablature. We're learning a duet of the old bluegrass melody 'Boil 'em cabbage down'.
- 8th Grade - The 8th Grade Musical 'Newsies' is coming up at the end of February and we are singing so well! Our after school rehearsals have begun and we are putting the final touches on the production. This 8th grade class is working so hard and we are so proud of the work they are doing!

S.T.E.M.

MR. HENNEBERRY

- 1st Graders are working on improving our designs through trial and error. We are putting our loop planes through the design process to make them as awesome as possible!
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- 5th Grade - Students are in the design stage of our Sphero Chariots, soon we will be testing and racing them.
- 6th Grade - The doctors are in, medical teams are working through the diagnosis and treatment process to help their patients recover.
- 7th Grade - The engineers are learning about the different parts of a plane. Student designed and tested their own air powered jets.
- 8th Grade - The interns are working hard on learning automations and we look forward to their first creation coming soon!

MEDIA ARTS

DR. MELTZER

QUARTER 3

- 6th Grade - A new group of students started recently. We have learned all the tools in Google Drawing and created some impressive "paintings" in Photoshop
- 7th Grade - The Programming Rotation is off to a roaring start. Using Tynker block programming, we have created some impressive games that play with gravity. We are now learning text-based languages such as Python and JavaScript. Keep up the great work
- 8th Grader - The Digital Media class just finished their Animated GIFs where they took pictures around OGS and in front of the green screen. They combined them to make interesting combinations. We are now recording and editing conversations that require multiple takes from different angles.

LIBRARY

Mrs. Rappaport & Mrs. Osterman

- Kindergarten - We continue to read the Monarch Nominees. We will be voting on our favorite in March. In STEM class this week we read a story about a Groundhog. We then created a home for a Groundhog.
- 1st Grade - We continue to read the Monarch Nominees. We will be voting on our favorite later this month. This week we read about the first African American woman who traveled into space, Mae Jemison. Some of the students drew a picture of what they want to be when they grow up. We talked about making connections to the books we read using Text-to self, Text to Text and text to world.
- 2nd Grade - We continue to read the Monarch Nominees. We will be voting on our favorite later this month. In STEM class we read about the first African American woman who traveled into space, Mae Jemison. We then cut out models of the space shuttle Endeavor and used straws to propel them into the air.
- 3rd Grade - We read more of the Monarch Nominees. We are learning about Primary and Secondary Sources. We are learning about winter holidays.
- 4th Grade - Students are enjoying the book Frindle by Andrew Clements. The entire 4th grade will be going on a field trip to see the play Frindle on February 21!
- 5th Grade - Students learned a lot about WWII while reading the book Number the Stars by Lois Lowry.
- 6th - 8th Grade - Students ALL checked out a new book recently! Ask them what they're reading!

HAVE ANY QUESTIONS? REACH OUT TO YOUR STUDENT'S TEACHERS FOR MORE INFORMATION

