

Owasco Elementary Newsletter

September 20, 2019



NEWS



Happy Friday Owasco families!

We hope it has been as nice of a week for you as it has for us. We are just about in full swing and lots of learning is happening. As you know learning new things is sometimes challenging, but lessons learned, both small and large, help get us ready for doing big things.

This week saw an assembly featuring Mayor Quill speaking to the 5th graders about citizenship (right), the beginning of a Coin Drive to support our local United Way, lots of physical activity outside and in PE, and the true beginning of band, orchestra and chorus lessons. The halls are filled with the sounds of children practicing, collaborating, brainstorming, and formulating opinions. We hope they continue their thoughtful conversations at home with you so feel free to ask a few extra questions!

Jeremy Moore Owasco Elementary Principal



A LOOK

Sunday	9/22
Monday	9/23
Tuesday	9/24
Wednesday	9/25
Thursday	9/26
Open House 1st-3rd—5:30 4th-6th—6:30	
Friday	9/27
Owasco's Best weekly recognition	
Saturday	9/28

Kindergarten— Every Friday Mr. Sargent teaches the Kindergarteners sign language; letters and #'s 1-10 (right). We are becoming more at ease in our

new classrooms and with our new friends. (Left) You can see our friend Dominic is modeling kindness by holding the door open for others. Next up—SHARING!



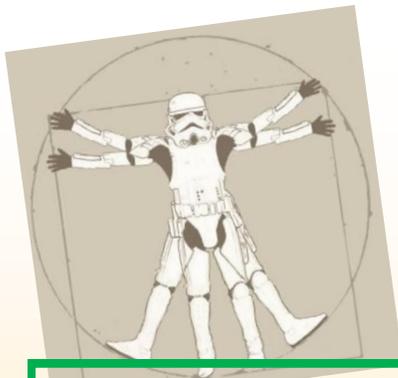
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1st Grade— We are practicing how to be **responsible in the classroom, hallway and in the bathroom. (We know you've been hoping we grow in these areas:))**

This week we were also learning that other people matter and to value the positive relationships they have with others. After making a tasty rainbow treat(below), they each picked an adult in our building that they felt they had a positive relationship with and delivered their special treat to them. The students also made one to give to a special person outside of school. We learned how good it feels to give to others and kindness.



(LEFT—Mrs. Loudon's class sharing their weekend plans with each other, one at a time with the Talking Stick. #listeningwelltakespractice #thesekiddoshavesomewildplans:)



**"The best part of making my rainbow treat was giving it to someone."
Lucas - 1st Grade**



2nd Grade— Second graders are on to mastering 'digraphs' like sh, th, ch, wh. There's a lot to this English Language thing! They're also reviewing the 100 sight words from first grade (check them out on the resource page). Students are also measuring and focusing specifically on centimeters and inches. We found out this week that our out-stretched arms are just about the same length as we are tall! Sweet!



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3rd Grade – Third graders have finished the book Rain School by James Rumford ([click here for Video](#)) and have been brainstorming and creating venn diagrams in preparation for some Compare and Contrast writing next week.

In science, we concluded our experiments with Rollie Pollie bugs. We chose to vary either water source, habitat, or food supply in our experimental habitats. Our conclusions? Rollie Pollie bugs prefer TREE BARK not only as their shelter (over toiletpaper rolls) but also as a food source (over apples, carrots, and lettuce)! I wonder if they'd like cake?

Right -Art teacher Ms. Hamilton demonstrating how to create stunning art by incorporating simple patterns, vibrant colors and some creative self-expression #MrsMitchelsthirdgraders #timetocutloose [Click for Owsco Twitter](#)



4th Grade—

- **ELA: We are finishing story elements. With Ms. West we are enhancing our writing using adjectives: ex. A juicy apple, colorful Fall, a sharp pencil**
- **Math: Still working on place values...**
- **Science: Student experiments with the various forms of energy Light (flashlight), Heat (hand warmer), Sound (egg timer), Mechanical (spray bottle) Changing Energy from one form to another up next.**
 - **Classes began rotating to different teachers in the afternoon. Writing, Science and Social Studies block scheduling should allow us to dive deeper into the material. Our goal is to be so engaged we “get lost in our work.”**



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5rd Grade— Members from the fifth grade collect coins for the *United Way (top right) as well as create a collection station (bottom left) in advance of our supply drive for the SPCA planned 9/23-9/27. This year our



building goals are to promote kindness and community service in all we do. With wonderful lead-



ers like these we believe we can teach ALL of our students the value and power of, not only compassion, but of ACTION. It doesn't require a college degree or a lot of money to make a life-changing difference to people today. We are as proud of these generous smiles and humble contributions as we are about their stellar academic achievements!

***Donations will still be accepted through Sept 27th. Please consider stopping by our coin jar during Open House Sept 26th!**

6th Grade—

- Students have been taking virtual field trips to view the cave paintings at [Lascaux](#) and [Chauvet](#). (Click on the links left to explore for yourself). The purpose is to get into the heads of ancient peoples, and to begin to think like archeologists and anthropologists! What must it have been like to live in a world without towns, stores, or computers? ;) How did people survive? why did they feel the need to communicate in such ways when survival was a day to day matter?



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Word of the Month

"BE KIND WHENEVER
POSSIBLE. IT IS ALWAYS
POSSIBLE."

The 14th Dalai Lama

Staff Spotlight

Teacher: Miss Amie Bisignano 6th grade (Math Wizard)

Favorite Childhood Book: [Babysitter's Club series](#) by Ann M. Martin

Currently Reading: various [Edutopia](#) articles

Best Advice ever given: When trying to achieve something big or get through something difficult, take one day at a time and celebrate that baby step.

Hobbies: Interior design, gardening, shopping, and cooking [[fav chef: Ina Garten](#)]

Excited about this year: I can't wait to see how much all of our sixth graders will grow!



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Mrs. Murphy reading a book like nobody's business! We also learned this week that she can spin quite a yarn, knows all the words to 70's Oscar Meyer commercials (Impressive!), and is a big fan of Little House on the Prairie.

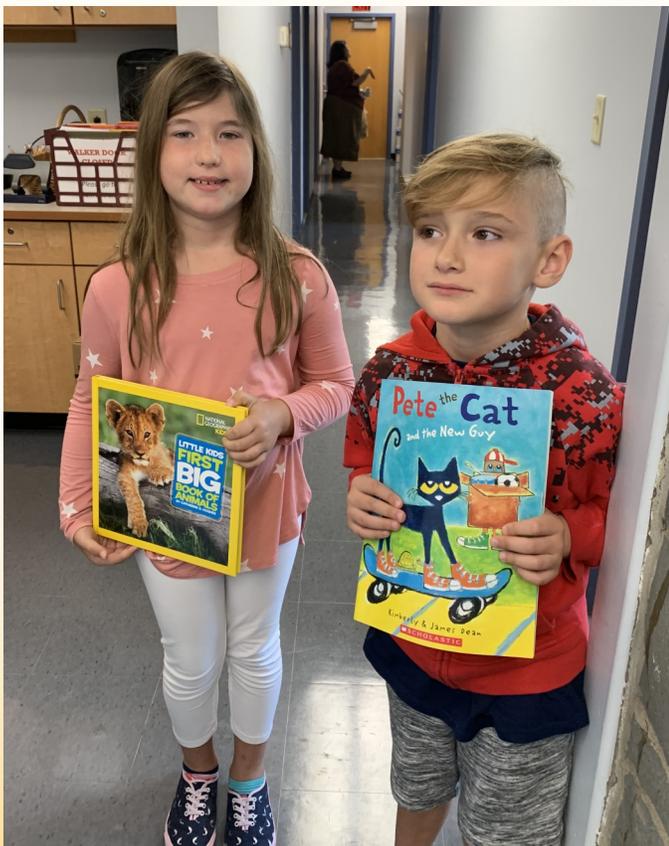
Maybe you can remember this-
[Oscar Meyer Bologna Song](#)



These may just as well have been cargo nets from the Black Pearl or vines from Tarzan's adventures in the jungles of Africa.

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Happy birthday
Alexandra & Dmytro!



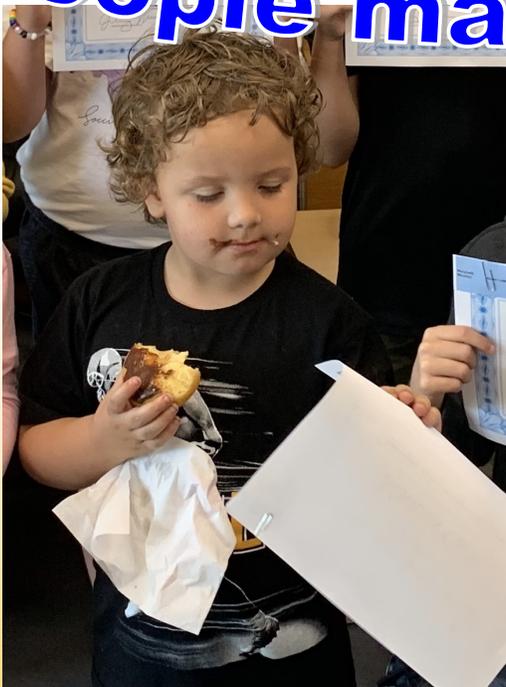
Madeleine and Miss Biz
Making people smile
and takin' names!

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people making a difference



It is not easy to juggle a donut AND a certificate when you're 4, but Maddox is giving it his best:)



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RESOURCE PAGE

Name _____ date _____

K SK Memory Words

1. a ___
2. I ___
3. the ___
4. of ___
5. no ___
6. for ___
7. put ___
8. to ___
9. like ___
10. said ___
11. you ___
12. was ___

If you get a chance here are the 12 Memory words for Kindergarten (left) and 93 for 1st grade (bottom). Good for reading fluency and helpful to review this time of year.

- | 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. | 5. | 6. | 7. | 8. |
|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|-----------|----------------|
| 1. a | 13. my | 25. have | 37. only | 49. girl | 61. many | 73. know | 85. walk |
| 2. I | 14. she | 26. show | 38. out | 50. over | 62. first | 74. does | 86. give |
| 3. the | 15. her | 27. how | 39. here | 51. before | 63. their | 75. laugh | 87. once |
| 4. of | 16. he | 28. me | 40. oh | 52. would | 64. now | 76. both | 88. done |
| 5. no | 17. his | 29. look | 41. any | 53. could | 65. always | 77. again | 89. live /liv/ |
| 6. for | 18. where | 30. your | 42. day | 54. some | 66. because | 78. kind | 90. eight |
| 7. put | 19. what | 31. are | 43. good | 55. one | 67. been | 79. buy | 91. old |
| 8. to | 20. why | 32. there | 44. very | 56. new | 68. come | 80. find | 92. hold |
| 9. like | 21. when | 33. from | 45. want | 57. were | 69. coming | 81. right | 93. write |
| 10. said | 22. which | 34. be | 46. boy | 58. down | 70. they | 82. wash | |
| 11. you | 23. who | 35. we | 47. two | 59. too | 71. our | 83. light | |
| 12. was | 24. do | 36. or | 48. about | 60. work | 72. cold | 84. warm | |