

# ROTATIONS

## End of Year Newsletter

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

[SIGN UP FOR SUMMER  
CAMPS!](#)

THERE IS STILL TIME!

### ROTATIONS REMINDERS

KEEP  
CREATING  
ACTING  
SINGING  
& BEING KIND!

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*Check out what's  
going on in each  
class below!*

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## ART

## Ms. Spector & Mrs. Vance

**KINDERGARTEN** - Kindergarten is learning about printmaking and making prints of the Earth.

**1<sup>st</sup> GRADE** - First grade is learning to use watercolors. They are drawing their own watercolor palettes and using watercolor painting techniques to mix colors.

**2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE** - Second grade is learning about impermanent art. They are studying radial symmetrical designs created by monks using sand and then creating their own radial designs using chalk outside.

**3<sup>rd</sup> GRADE** - Students wrapped up the school year painting tigers inspired by artist Henri Rousseau. They made textured backgrounds with liquid tempera paints and used watercolor-like techniques to blend colors for their tigers.

**4<sup>th</sup> GRADE** - Students finished their foil relief sculptures by adding colored permanent markers on top and they looked awesome all hanging up together in the hall these last few weeks. We circled back to our weaving (pun intended!) and finished the year weaving our ceramic looms. They were really excited about this and many of them seem really interested in fiber arts!

**5<sup>th</sup> GRADE** - Students finished the year with scratch art zentangles! They love this mindful activity that looks visually powerful when complete. They had to learn how to "make it work" when they made a mistake since scratch art is permanent.

**6<sup>th</sup> GRADE** - Rotation 5 finished strong. We got all our projects complete and even had time to enjoy the early summer weather and do a mini photography assignment outside.

**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE** - Ceramics students made some incredible things this quarter. Make sure to check out Artsonia to see them! They learned a lot about glazes and the chemistry behind them. Some smell, some are transparent, some need more layers than others. They also learned about patience. When the kiln takes 15 hours to "fire" and another 8 hours to cool, they had to work on time management to get everything done before the last day to work.

**MAKE SURE YOU ARE CHECKING YOUR STUDENT'S [ARTSONIA](#) ACCOUNTS TO SEE OUR AMAZING OGS ARTWORK!**

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## RECENT ARTSONIA SUBMISSIONS AT OGS



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## DRAMA

Ms. Ludington

KINDERGARTEN: Grandma was saved. Big Bad Wolf was defeated.

2nd GRADE: Captain Hook was defeated. Wendy, John and Michael returned to London.

4th GRADE: MANY tricksters got away with a wide array of tricks in student created trickster tale stories set in Illinois.

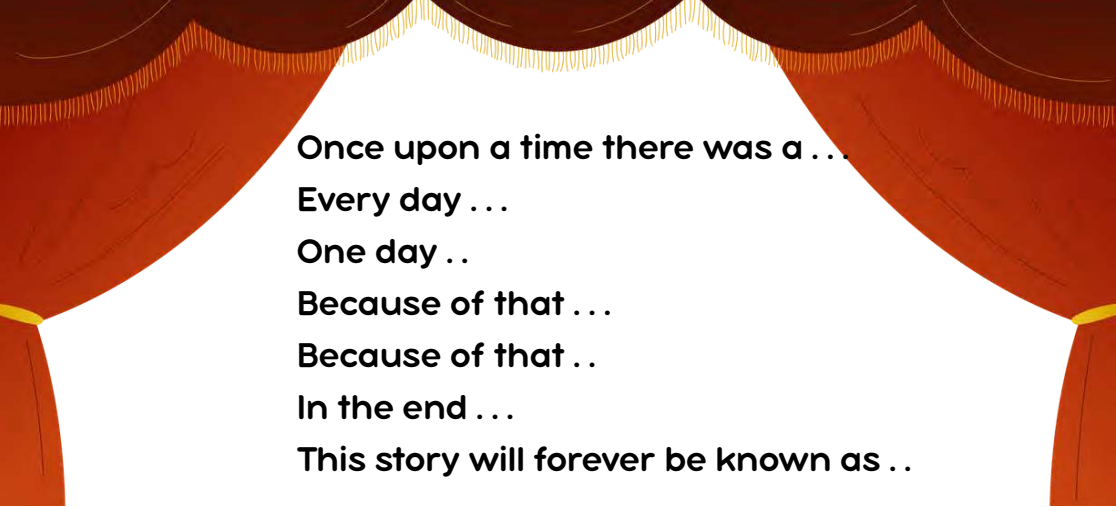
6th Grade Rotation Number Five ended with hilarious scenes featuring Pantalone, Dottore, Arlecchino, Flavio and Capitano.

7th Grade Acting students presented their monologues from the beginning of the quarter again. It was amazing to see how much they have grown as actors.

8th Grade Improv had multiple performances which filled the audiences who saw them with joy and laughter

**This summer help keep your child's creativity alive by creating silly stories with them in the car as you go from place to place.**

**Use the 6 prompts below to create original stories.**



Once upon a time there was a ...

Every day ...

One day ..

Because of that ...

Because of that ..

In the end ...

This story will forever be known as ..

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## **LIBRARY      Mrs. Rappaport & Mrs. Osterman**

### Kindergarten-4th Grade:

The librarians from Cook Library will be visiting on Monday, June 1, to promote their summer reading program.



"Make the Library part of your summer as we celebrate America's 250th anniversary!

We invite your whole family to become Library stars and EXPLORE our offerings, DO fun activities, and READ books.

Sign-up begins Monday, June 1, online, in person or the Bookmobile."

### [OGS 5th-8th Grade Summer Reading Recommendation List 2026!](#)

Students are encouraged to read at least one book from the list. You can read independently or choose to read with a friend or family member. Students who read at least one book on this list will be invited to participate in some special OGS library activities in the fall!

Happy Summer Reading!

Mrs. Osterman

OGS Junior High Librarian

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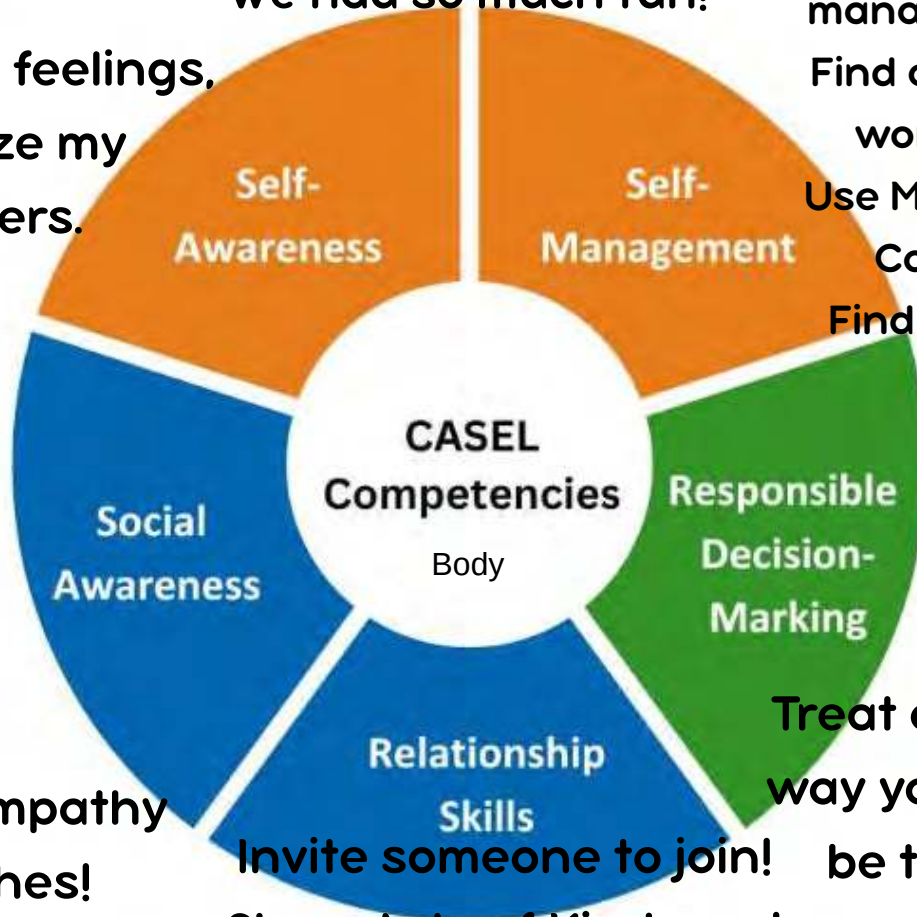
Mrs. Kiefer

## MAY~ SEL FOCUS: PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

**K-5**

We had so much fun!

Naming my feelings,  
recognize my  
stressors.



Learning tools to  
manage emotions!  
Find a breath that  
works for me!  
Use My 5 Senses to  
Calm Down!  
Find what calms  
me!

Having Empathy  
for othes!

Invite someone to join!  
Show Acts of Kindness!

Treat others the  
way you want to  
be treated!

### Multicultural Fair

Multicultural Day Fair was  
a HUGE SUCCESS!

Thank you to all who participated,  
hosted booths, shared special foods,  
dances and traditions! Thank you also  
to everyone that came!

### May Focus

#### Fun Wrap up with Games,

We have spent the last two weeks  
using all of the competencies! We have  
been playing whole group games and  
small group games. We've done  
mindfulness walk and problem solving!  
It is so much fun watching all the skills  
come together in real time!

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## MULTICULTURAL DAY FAIR SEL GAME WEEK!



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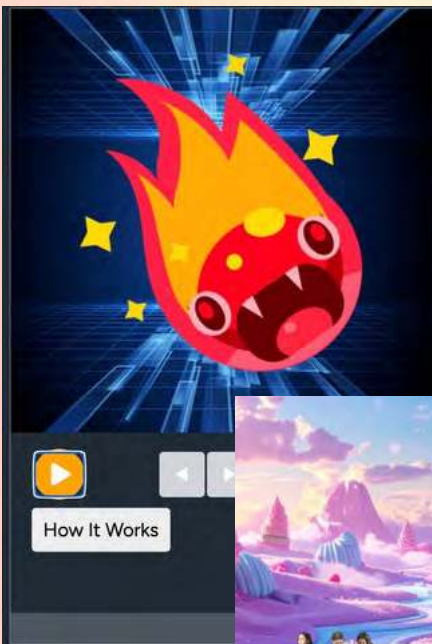
## MEDIA ARTS

Dr. Meltzer

6<sup>th</sup> Grade-Media Arts: The 5<sup>th</sup> rotation has moved along quickly. We have sailed our programming unit and our Greenscreen/Virtual Vacation Projects. The creativity and technical skills are certainly on display!

7<sup>th</sup> Grade-Multimedia is coming to a close. We learned how to use Photoshop to animate using Keyframes. They had to animate several objects simultaneously. It is much more powerful and flexible than the standard frame animation technique. We are finishing up with learning about professional microphones and recording conversations.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade-Filmmaking was very busy with some very exiting and artistic projects. We created extended movie/TV scenes with mutiple locations and movement. We then had fun with our "Greenscreen Adventures, and then finished off with our final projects that ran the gamut from music videos to short stories, to high-end graphic animations.



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## MUSIC Grades K, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>

Mr. Farris

Kindergarten - The Kindergarteners are so excited to perform for you at their concert! They have been practicing hard to make it an adorable show. You might even get to see our big Kazoo debut!

1st Grade - The first graders have enjoyed having this time after their concert to work on making their own music using 'Garageband' on their iPads. They are becoming quite the composers!

2nd Grade - The second graders loved getting to learn more about 'Garageband' on the iPad. Last year we learned the basics and this year we learned to write songs using the same chords and then record our voice on top. It's like Magic!!!

5th Grade - The students did a great job learning the Ukulele this year. Next year every 6<sup>th</sup> grader will learn the Guitar so this is a great introduction to playing a stringed instrument.

6th Grade - The 6<sup>th</sup> graders are excited to play for their friends during lunch on the second to last day of school. We have our setlist finalized and we're practicing hard!

8th Grade - On the last day of rotations for the 8<sup>th</sup> graders we watched/listened to their podcasts. They were very entertaining and impressive. We had food reviews, sensory podcasts, squishy ratings, fast food march madness and much more! I think we might have some professional podcasters!

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## MUSIC Grades 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> Mr. Frankowski, Mr. Jones

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Students started exploring the instrument families to get ready for 4th grade music.

4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Students learned how to make a buzz with their lips and tried out the brass instrument mouthpieces. Some were able to buzz/play "Mary had a Little Lamb."

7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Students in the guitar class are learning how to flat pick melodies to famous songs, and sing and play the chords to Pop and Broadway songs.

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## Pictures from the 7th-Guitar Class



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## Pictures from the Symphonic and Jazz Concert



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STEM

Mr. Henneberry



## Camp Invention®

This Summer @ OGS  
June 8<sup>th</sup> - June 15<sup>th</sup>

**CHECK IT OUT!**

### Introducing an All-New 2026 Camp Invention Experience!

Inspire your young innovator with a one-of-a-kind summer adventure! Exciting, hands-on challenges will spark curiosity and build their confidence as they dive into limitless STEM fun full of opportunities to imagine, experiment and create. Read more about the four unique experiences that make up our all-new 2026 Camp Invention® program:

#### **Fur-ensics™**

From fingerprints to DNA evidence, get ready for mystery-solving fun! Your camper will sharpen their detective skills as they explore forensic science with their own adorable robotic capybara! They will collect curious clues, examine suspicious splatters and create a sleuthing gadget to support their investigation.

#### **Make Waves™**

Your camper will make a splash in the world of innovation as they ride the waves of entrepreneurship, experiment with hands-on physics and design an eye-catching billboard boat that really floats!

#### **Space Morphers™**

In an out-of-this-world adventure, your young explorer will build a DIY rocket and launch a mission to transform a planet for future habitation. After collecting important data, they will record scientific observations in their space lab as they hatch a mysterious animal egg and encounter a dazzling crystal surprise!

#### **The Infringers™**

Campers will team up with the Innovation Force® – National Inventors Hall of Fame® Inductees – to solve challenges in their community and around the world! As they dream up bold new inventions, they will construct a wearable cryptography device and learn how to protect their genius ideas from the sneaky infringers.



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