

ROTATIONS

February Newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Grades 2-5 Art Clubs are active now!
- 4 - 5 Drama Club starts March 14th

ROTATIONS REMINDERS

- Make sure your devices are charged every night at home
- Headphones are required to have AT SCHOOL
- Check your email for reminders about library books.
- SEL- **Homework** - Write 2 safe adults (in home and out of home) sign and return.

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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 impressionism and creating their own Monet gardens using oil pastels and tempra paint.

1st GRADE - First graders are creating winter tree landscapes. They will learn about landscapes, cool colors, and organic shapes.

2nd GRADE - Second graders are learning about Australian artist Sheree Smith and will be using "repetition" in their artwork.

3rd GRADE - After finishing up our Northern Lights landscape, 3rd graders became young graphic designers, learning about logos and creatively using their own initials to create a personal logo. We first sketched out ideas, then used their Chromebooks and google drawing to try and recreate their pencil drawings. Next up, third grade will be learning all about the proportions of the face as we create self portraits.

4th GRADE - Students wrapped up their Jen Aranyi inspired landscapes recently, adding watercolor blends to their sky areas. Students worked really hard and are super proud of their unique landscapes. Next up we will explore some relief sculpture techniques using cardboard, yarn and tinfoil.

5th Grade - Students are wrapping up their kaleidoscopes with colored pencil shading techniques and markers. We are going to take those colored pencil techniques into an Op Art unit (optical illusions). After spring break we will be doing the crowd favorite clay unit!

6th Grade - Rotation 4 started recently. We starting the rotation off with the self portrait caricatures. We will cycle through all the other survey course topics and the last group of 6th graders will start in April!

7th Grade - Mixed Media students are in the midst of their printmaking unit. They learned about carving layers to make different colors. We will be moving into a fibers unit where students will have a choice between weaving and needle felting.

8th Grade - Our musical just wrapped! Check out some photos from the show on another page of this newsletter.

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RECENT ARTSONIA SUBMISSIONS AT OGS



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DRAMA

Ms. Ludington

KINDERGARTEN students are finishing up their Red Hen unit. They did a great job showing frustration with their voices and bodies. Next, we will act out Three Billy Goat's Gruff.

2nd GRADE students have been acting out scenes featuring Michael, John and Wendy from Peter Pan this month. Our next scene features Peter Pan and a very angry Tinkerbell.

4th GRADE students enjoyed acting out and staging "Rabbit's Last Race". Our next tale is called "Lindy and the Forest Giant" and features a some very fun physical acting.

6th GRADE Rotation Number Four has begun. This new group has just begun their Commedia Dell'arte work with Pantalone and Il Dottore.

7th Grade Director/Designer students completed their fairytale ground plan project this week. Our next project focuses on directing a one page scene.

8th Grade Musical Theater- the entire cast rocked the house performing Shrek JR. February 26, 27 and 28! A few cast members made a special visit to some of my Kindergarten classes. See the photos below:)



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LIBRARY

Mrs. Rappaport & Mrs. Osterman

Kindergarten: We voted on our favorite 2026 Monarch Book Nominees, we are doing a STEM activity, we are learning what is the difference between Fiction vs. Non Fiction, and learning how an illustrator creates pictures in a book.

1st grade: We voted on our favorite 2026 Monarch Book Nominees, we are doing a STEM activity, we are learning what is the difference between Fiction vs. Non Fiction, and learning about Nonfiction Text Features.

2nd grade: We voted on our favorite 2026 Monarch Book Nominees, we are doing a STEM activity, learning what is the difference between Fiction vs. Non Fiction, and learning how Nonfiction is arranged in the library.

3rd grade: We voted on our favorite 2026 Monarch and Bluestem Book Nominees, we are doing a STEM activity, learning what is the difference between Fiction vs. Non Fiction, learning how Nonfiction is arranged in the library.

4th grade: We voted on our favorite 2026 Bluestem and Caudill Book Nominees, we are doing a STEM activity, er are learning what is the difference between Fiction vs. Non Fiction, and learning about Narrative Nonfiction.

5th grade: Students will be checking out chapter books for their monthly ELA book projects. We will be covering topics in digital, information and media literacy.

6th grade: Students visit the library every Friday. We will be covering topics in digital, information and media literacy.

7th grade: Students come to the library to check out books for their one-pager projects. We will be covering topics in digital, information and media literacy.

8th grade: Students check out new books and write book reviews. We will be covering topics in digital, information and media literacy.



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S.E.L.

Mrs. Kiefer

FEBRUARY~ SEL FOCUS: BULLYING PREVENTION

K-5

The focus this month has been bullying prevention. There are many ways to stop bullying. 1. Refuse - assertively tell them to stop. "I don't like that." 2. Report- Tell a trusted adult, "I need help." 3. Support- Invite the target to sit by you or say something supportive.

4th and 5th Grade Cyberbullying

- As we support our students, it's important to remember that cyberbullying doesn't end when the school bell rings. To ensure our children get proper rest and protection, I strongly recommend to all of our students a 'digital curfew'—all devices should be out of bedrooms overnight to prevent late-night bullying and encourage healthy sleep habits. I also told them I'd be sharing this idea with parents. =)
- Students in 4th and 5th will practice ways to respond to bullying online. 1. Tell an adult. 2. Tell the person to stop. 3. Write something kind about the person being bullied to stop redirect the person bullying and show support.

February Books We've Read

Kindergarten & 1st Grade

Potato Pants

by Laurie Keller

5th Grade

I Am Every Good Thing

by Derrick Barnes

March Focus Problem Solving

We will begin learning the steps to solving a problem and recognizing how to evaluate the size of a problem. The first step will always be to calm ourselves to think clearly!

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SOARING EAGLE SCHOOL STORE AND GAMES

"It was a joy to see our SEL skills in action this week! Between budgeting their tickets for group experiences and practicing sportsmanship during games, students truly shined. We loved celebrating the positive behavior and achievements that make Oak Grove such a special place.!"



BOARD GAMES BEFORE THE SHOPPING BEGINS!

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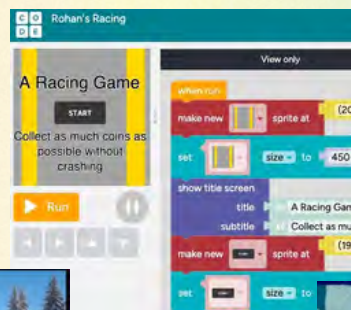
MEDIA ARTS

Dr. Meltzer

6th Grade-Media Arts: Our 3rd Rotation ended on high notes as we used programming code to create interactive activities at Code.org. We also went on some great Virtual Vacations by combining AI images using Adobe Express then adding the greenscreen video in WeVideo. The 4th Rotation is off to a flying start. We learned the difference between vector and raster images using Google Drawing, and now learning about the power of layers in Adobe Photoshop.

7th Grade-Programming: Q3 Programming class had the opportunity to use the world-popular Scratch.mit.edu to draw our initials and create games for everyone to play. We are now knee-deep using Javascript to draw houses and create musical games.

8th Grade-Digital Production: Q3 is flying by as we used Adobe Photoshop to create keyframed-based videos of tennis games. Students then wrote and shot their own commercials We then used WeVideo.com to create audio-only stories and group podcasts that includes sound effects, music, and voice to tell a great story.



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MUSIC Grades K, 1st, 2nd, 5th, 6th, 8th

Mr. Farris

Kindergarten: What a great bunch of musicians we have in Kindergarten! We sang a song called 'We Made It' about the 100th day of school and learned a fun singing game called 'Apple Tree'. We have also been traveling around the building performing for people like our Superintendents, all the amazing office staff, as well as other students during their lunch.

1st Grade: We love music class and we have been reviewing songs from this year to get ready for our concert on April 16th. We've also been working more on steady beat with our BoomWhackers, playing together as one percussionist.

2nd Grade: We have been having a blast in music class, learning some exciting songs for our Open House Concert on April 2nd, like 'Continents' and 'In The Wild'. We have also been playing the melodies to popular songs on the BoomWhackers like 'Sky Full of Stars' and 'Could have been me'.

5th Grade: The students are so comfortable on the Ukulele now, about 5 months into playing (about once a week for 40 minutes), it's amazing! We can now play songs that don't just use the 'Big Four' ukulele chords. We are even starting to try to learn a new chord by seeing it's diagram and try it out in a new song right away!

6th Grade: Guitar class is so much fun! In just a few short weeks with our hands on the instruments, we are comfortable playing a good number of chords that let us play so many exciting songs. We can rock out on the chords: D, A7, Em, G, C and the students are getting more confident every day. We play everything from Elvis to Shakira and every day we learn something new! Send us your requests, we'd love to play something for you!

8th Grade: The cast of 'Shrek Jr.' Did such an amazing job on their show. It was such a pleasure to watch them finish the project we had started together 8 months ago so strong. (Yes, Auditions were 8 months ago!) They inspired the next generation of Oak Grove performers and the wonderful tradition of the 8th grade musical continues on. Bravo Cast and Crew, you should be so proud of your hard work!

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MUSIC Grades 3rd, 4th, 7th Mr. Frankowski, Mr. Jones

3rd Grade: 3rd graders are working towards their next playing checkpoint in recorder. We have also been working on adding our right hand to begin reading lower notes.

4th Grade: 4th graders have been working on note reading for our clarinet unit. We have so been doing a pop music history series starting with Elvis, the Beatles and Motown.

7th Grade: Students in the new rotation are learning skills to play the guitar. They are learning four chords to play familiar songs, tablature to play famous melodies, as well as strumming & picking patterns.

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STEM

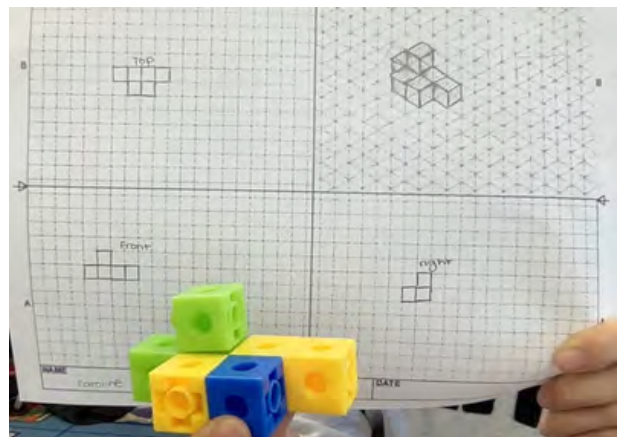
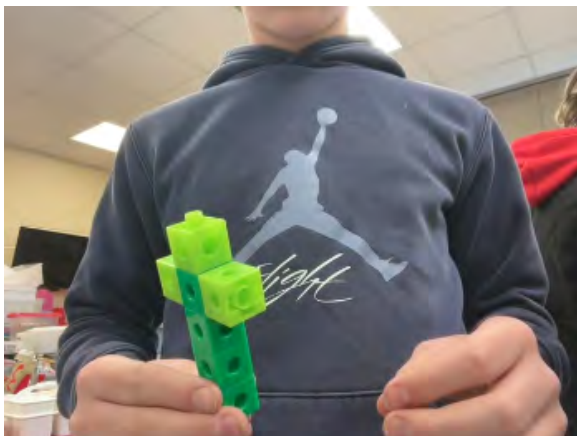
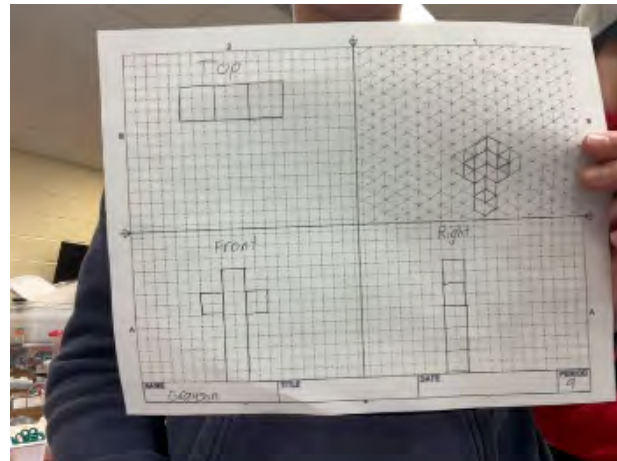
Mr. Henneberry

1st and 3rd grade students successfully completed their engineering challenges.

These creative thinkers used the materials provided to solve the challenge and accomplish their goals.



6th grade students are currently working on the design phase of their project. They are learning how to create isometric drawings and multi-view sketches.



SHREK JR. PHOTOS

