

ROTATIONS

January Newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Grades 2-5 Art Clubs are active now!
- Grades 6-8 Art Club will resume February 27
- Anderson's JH Book Fair (grades 5-8) on February 3-5.
- Shrek JR- February 26, 27 & 28

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 - After break, we started our clay unit. Kindergarteners made clay shapes using cookie cutters. They will paint their shapes when they come out of the kiln.

1st GRADE - First graders learned to make pinch pots out of clay. They will paint them when they come out of the kiln and then they be coming home in a few weeks.

2nd GRADE - Second grade made textured clay houses. They designed their house, added windows and doors and had to include three different textures on their house.

3rd GRADE - Students just finished up a crowd favorite unit on the Northern Lights. Their winter aurora landscapes are currently on display around Oak Grove. Next up, 3rd grade is going to become junior graphic designers and explore Google Drawing on their chrome books to create their own personal logo!

4th GRADE - Students wrapped up their winter tree/animal close-up landscapes and now we are looking at the art of Jen Aranyi to make more detailed mountainous landscapes from a further perspective. We will practice first then add some fine line ink to their drawings and then finish them off with some bold and bright watercolor paints in the sky.

5th Grade - Students finally completed their perspective museums recently. They are hung up near the 5th grade classrooms and it is fun to see all the different themes and objects they placed in their drawings. We are now talking about radial symmetry and how to use windows and light to trace our designs so that our design is perfectly symmetrical in the round. We will be using markers as well as some simple shading techniques with colored pencils to enhance their designs.

6th Grade - Rotation group 3 is coming to a close soon. We have completed our animal stippling drawings as well as our printmaking unit. We are currently working on our self-portrait caricatures and soon we will be taking a pause from those to complete our clay unit.

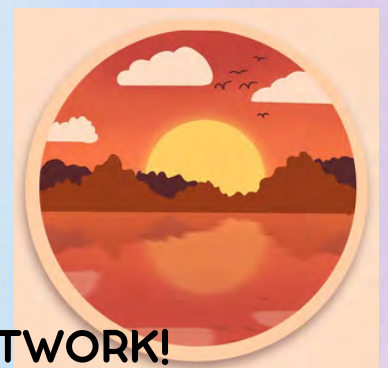
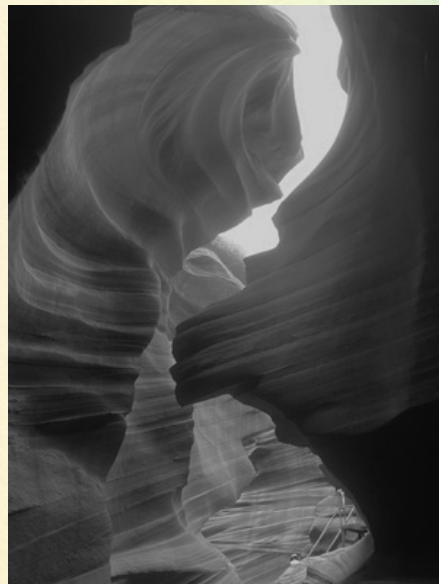
7th Grade - Graphic Designers wrapped up quarter 2 by making some wondering digital drawings and paintings. They really enjoyed using the Apple Pencils and iPads to create artwork. Check out your student's Artsonia account to see what they created!

8th Grade - Our Mixed Media students finished up the quarter with their magazine collages and abstract sculptures. Our Graphic Designers wrapped up quarter 2 by making some wondering digital drawings and paintings. We had 3 different final projects happening in the same room at the same time and the students did a great job being sufficient and productive. Currently, during 3rd quarter, Mrs. Vance supervises the musical theater classes along with Mr. Farris and Ms. Ludington. We are excited to start putting together Shrek Jr.!

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RECENT ARTSONIA SUBMISSIONS AT OGS



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DRAMA

Ms. Ludington

KINDERGARTEN students are busy pretending to be snowmen and winter explorers as part of our snow unit. They were given an opportunity to run the stage lights and are getting ready to sled with Frog and Toad, as well as have an epic, imaginary snowball fight!

2nd GRADE drama students have interviewed all the suspects. Soon our young detectives will make their accusations, and we will learn who stole Arthur's birthday cake. Then we will begin an extensive unit based on the classic story "Peter Pan."

4th GRADE students are preparing to act out the entire story of "How Anansi Brought the Stories Down" as the final activity in the unit. We will explore a Mexican Trickster Tale entitled "Rabbit's Last Race" next.

6th GRADE Actors are currently acting out scenes featuring the Commedia Dell'arte characters Arlecchino and Capitano. Students will act out short scenes featuring Flavio and then begin work on final scene featuring all the characters they have practiced.

7th Grade Director/Designer students have completed their first design project in which they created a collage to highlight their personal aesthetic. Their first costume design assignment will be to create a costume to depict an emotion.

8th Grade Musical Theater- the ensemble members (Green Cast) has officially joined the class. New students have their scripts and have already begun to sing the songs. Next week we will cast the last seven small parts as we move forward toward our Shrek JR. performances on February 26, 27 and 28!

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LIBRARY Mrs. Rappaport & Mrs. Osterman

Kindergarten: We are reading the 2026 Monarch Book Nominees and will be voting on our favorite, learning about manners when online, what is a series, Author/Illustrator and Fiction vs. Non Fiction.

1st grade: We are reading the 2026 Monarch Book Nominees and will be voting on our favorite, learning about biographies, Non Fiction, and the difference between Fiction and Non Fiction.

2nd grade: We are reading the 2026 Monarch Book Nominees and will be voting on our favorite, we are learning about famous Black Americans by reading biographies, what is a dilemma, and what is a theme.

3rd grade: We will be voting on our favorite Monarch and Bluestem, researching famous Black Americans using the Cook Library Databases, and reading about kindness.

4th grade: We will be voting on our favorite Bluestem and Caudill Nominees, researching February themes using the Cook Library Databases, genre review, social responsibility when using the internet.

5th grade: We are learning about some of the 2026 Bluestem and Caudill Nominees. Students are also checking out chapter books for their monthly ELA book project.

6th grade: The 6th grade students have been visiting the library every Friday with their ELA class. This is an opportunity to check out books and read.

7th grade: The 7th graders came to the library with their ELA class to check out new books.

8th grade: The 8th graders checked out new books and wrote book reviews about their independent reading books in the OGS Library Catalog.

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S.E.L.

Mrs. Kiefer

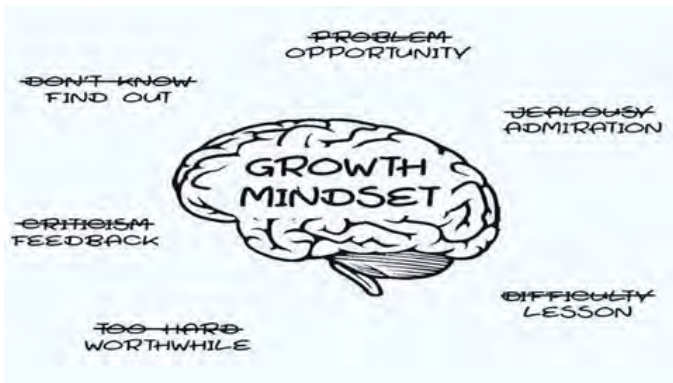
JANUARY SEL FOCUS: EMPATHY, KINDNESS AND GROWTH MINDSET

January

We are focussing on recognizing others feelings and then putting empathy into action. How can we be kind and support our friends and family?



Growth Mindset



Students are provided with a variety of phrases and choosing different phrases that help them develop a growth mindset.

They will be given a variety of challenges this month to put their Growth Mindset to Use!

January Books We've Read

K The Giving Tree, I'll Wait Mr. Panda

1. Doug the Pug and the Kindness Crew
2. Giants Have Feelings Too!
3. Habits of Happy Kids by Covey & Curtis
3. Goob & the Bug Colecting Kit (Begin with the End in Mind)
4. Jumper and the Lost Butterfly Net (Seek 1st to Understand then Be Understood
5. Lily Plants a Garden (Thnk Win-Win)

February Focus Empathy & Bullying Prevention

K-3 Revusing Bullying &
Bystander Power

4 Bystander Responsibility and
Bystanders to Cyberbullying

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SEL KEVA CHALLENGE USING LEADERSHIP SKILLS!



WHAT MAKES A GOOD LEADER?

BUILD SOMETHING WITH YOUR TEAM THAT IS INSPIRATIONAL. WHAT LEADERSHIP SKILLS DO YOU NEED TO DO THIS IN 3 MINUTES?

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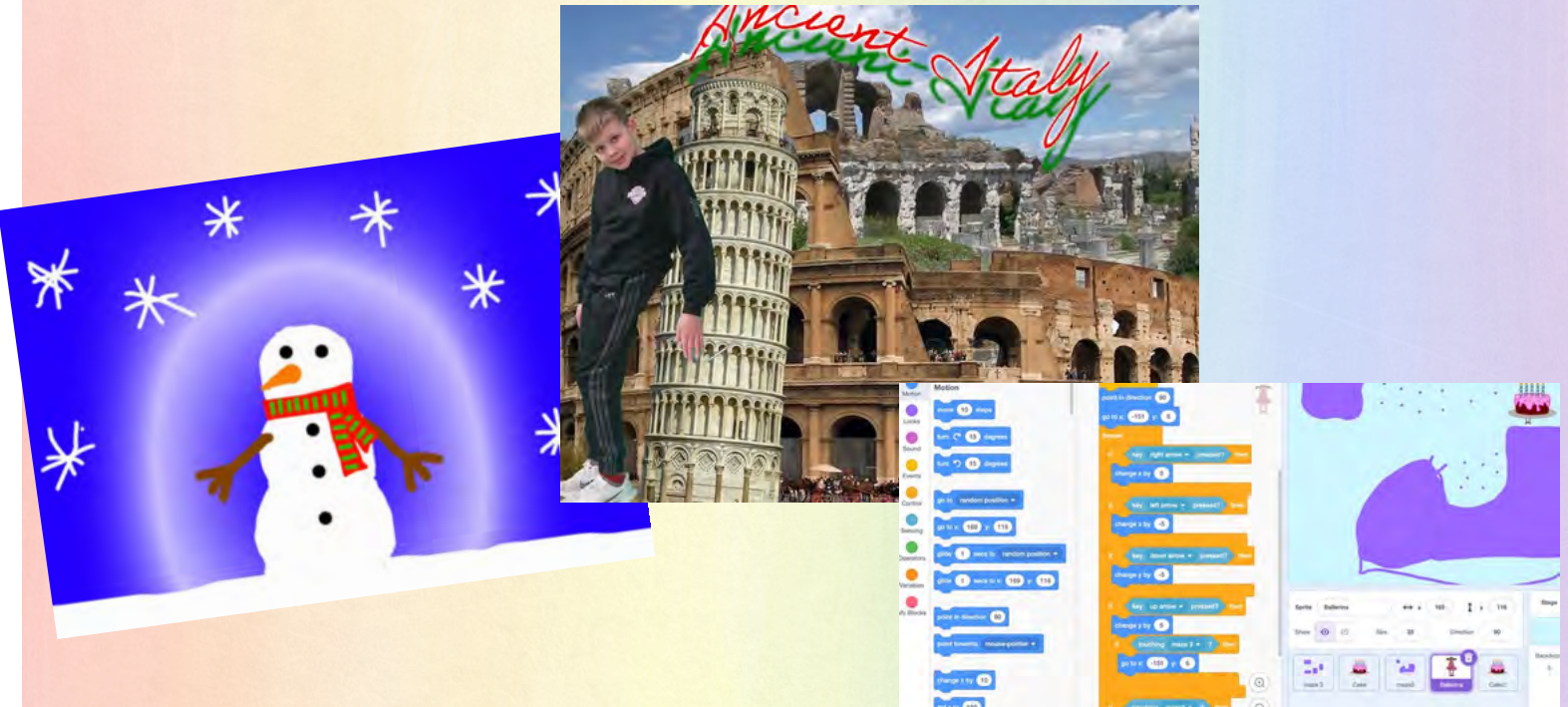
MEDIA ARTS

Dr. Meltzer

6th Grade-Media Arts: Our 3rd Rotation continues our deep dive into Adobe Photoshop . We have learned so much in just a few weeks. We started learning about layers and various tools to adjust our "Painting" assignments. We are finishing up our tour by creating "Travel Postcards." Here, students pick a travel location and then add and edit images and pictures of themselves. We combined fun with learning advanced graphic design.

7th Grade-Programming: We are finishing up the quarter by creating mazes in the Scratch program. We also learned how to create variables and add random options to our mazes to make them more interesting to play.

8th Grade-Digital Production: 2nd quarter is ending strong. We learned the learned all about microphones and digital mixers. We all learned the challenge of live video mixing by creating live interviews. We are finishing by making individual and group video presentations that are fun research projects. Each video project has to start with the word, "Behold....!"



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

Mr. Farris

Kindergarten: We love reading books, performing, and having fun in music class! We learned the song 'Old Whacker' where we sang and performed the notes 'Mi, Re, and Do' on the Boomwhackers. You should have seen the concentration from the students while managing three different pitches. We are becoming great young musicians!

1st Grade: We just finished learning all about Beethoven, his loss of hearing, and his song 'Ode to Joy'. We followed an 'Ode to Joy' listening map, watched a flash mob performance, saw the song used in a 'Bluey' episode, and performed the song on our BoomWhackers. We also sang some great songs like 'As Long as the World Goes Around' about how we will always 'Live, Learn, Laugh and Love!'

2nd Grade: The students have been doing a great job focusing on our movement while singing 'Dancing all Day' and learning choreography for the song. We are excited to sing a four-part song celebrating the 100th day of school called 'See how much we've learned'. We are also going to have a blast learning about chords in music and trying them out on our Boomwhackers!

5th Grade: We crossed a large Ukulele milestone after we returned from break... WE LEARNED 'SOMEWHERE OVER THE RAINBOW!!'. Learning the ukulele version of that famous song from the 'Wizard of Oz' is a badge of honor. We love Uke class!

6th Grade: These students are taking their guitar studies very seriously and they loved learning to tune their instruments! Tuning any instrument is a process that takes patience and expertise. This class saw it as a fun challenge and the look of pride on their face when it's perfect is priceless.

8th Grade: The cast of 'Willy Wonka Jr.' have been hard at work preparing the music for their show. They have been gaining confidence in their roles as well as working to make the music their own. Seeing the characters start to come to life from within the students is one of my favorite parts of educational theatre. This 8th grade class is working so hard and we are so proud of them!

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

3rd Grade: 3rd graders have been 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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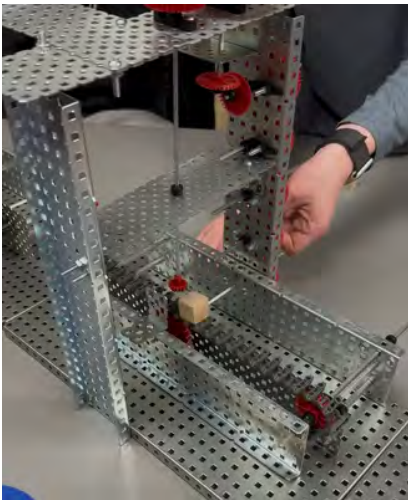
STEM

Mr. Henneberry



8th Graders
building and
programming
a game of
Robot Tag!

1st Graders
teaching LHS
students about
ping pong physics!



7th Grade
Assembly Line!

