

Owasco Elementary Newsletter

December 20, 2019

A LOOK AHEAD

Saturday Bills finally beat the Patriots 17-10	12/21
Sunday Happy Hanukkah	12/22
Monday	12/23
Tuesday	12/24
Wednesday Merry Christmas	12/25
Thursday	12/26
Friday	12/27



NEWS



Happy Friday Owasco families!

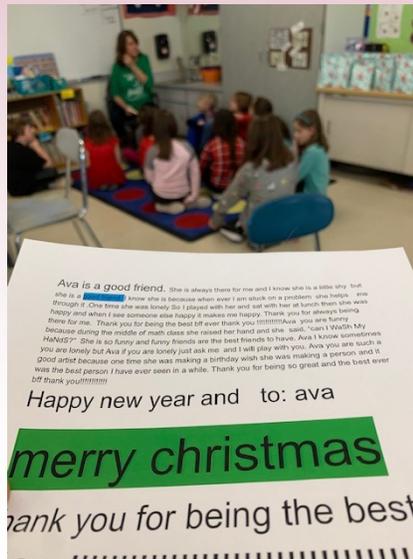
Well, we've made it to the holiday break. The kids were awesome this week, truly. Though they did participate in the normal amount of seasonal fun, they also worked very hard. In addition, they were filled with kindness toward one another, gratitude toward their teachers, and anticipation for every day.

I would like to express special thanks to Mrs. Helen Day, the Knights of Columbus, our OPT, 5th grade pajama drivers and all of you for your generosity. It is certainly a time for beautiful miracles:) I'd like to quote my friend Ava (3rd grade) who tells us that "funny friends are the best friends to have." I would only add 'kind and thoughtful' friends are also pretty special.

I wish you all a peaceful holiday season filled with family, rest, good books, tasty food, warm coffee, and lots of love. We are truly blessed to be able to spend such quality time together in and out of school.

Yours,

Jeremy Moore , Owasco Elementary Principal



Kindergarten—

MATH: We finished up the 2019 year strong by learning many 3-D shapes (spheres, cylinders, cubes and cones). We have found that these shapes are in our everyday lives...WHAT????!!!!!! In this picture Ali (right) has created a tetrahedral tree ornament. Sweet!

SCIENCE: We are predicting and tallying weather conditions like "sunny days in December."

Teachers are trying to "Keep (their) sanity"

ELA: We continue learning more and more CVC words using all 5 vowels. A favorite is the word "pop!"

SocStudies: We are continuing to practice treating our friends kindly aka 'citizenship'



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1st Grade— Mr. Kennedy showed up as the Polar Express conductor and was all too happy to punch Mechaela's ticket.

Math: students are still working on their basic addition and subtraction and number families like $2+5=7$ and $7-2=5$. It's important to remember that adding and subtracting are OPPOSITES. In January we will be starting module 2 in math which will have us adding three numbers and solving more complex word problems.

ELA: We've been introduced to long vowels and long vowel sounds. Memory Words— "said, only, you, out, of, here"

Science: We recently learned about hibernation by watching a Mystery Doug video.



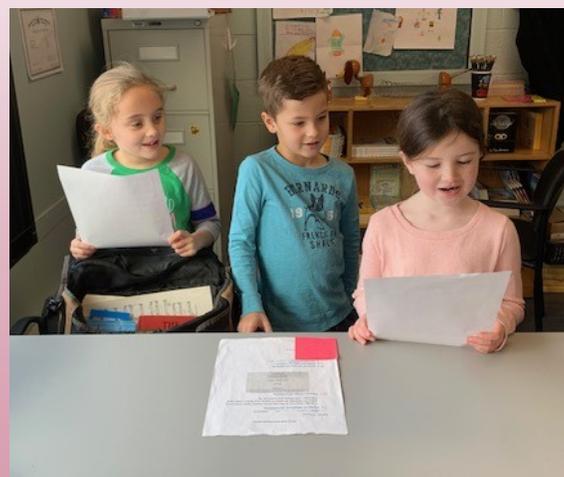
Ms. Stoker— "Why is the custodian out there shoveling by himself when there are so many boys in here who could help?"

"I pay you every day with knowledge!"

Matteo— "You'd have to pay me,"

"That's not gonna cut it, I'd need a \$20"

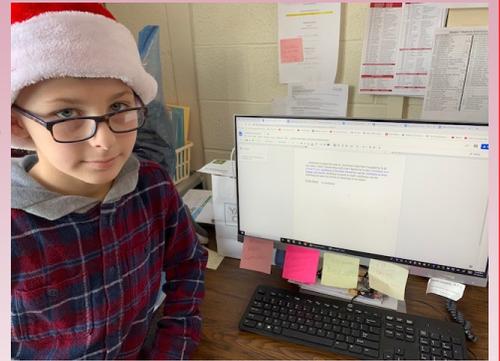
2nd grade— Students have been busy reading books on the season and making many crafts (disco ball ornaments for one)! They also did a wonderful job doing announcements over the last two weeks. Below we feature Maddy, Joey, Derrick, Hadley, Christian and Ellery in action!



Derrick, Hadley, Christian and Ellery in action!

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3rd Grade – Third graders were full of excitement for the week, not just for the parties but because of all the cool things they were doing and learning. (Right) Noah, in Mrs. Mitchel’s class, wrote a reflective piece about his classmate Anthony. In it he writes, “Anthony can do anything he puts his mind to.” Not only great encouragement for a 3rd grader heading into a new year, but an empowering reminder to us all. (Left) Students



and how energy can be transferred from one form to another. After studying windmills and sailboats students were tasked with designing, building, testing and reengineering their own SAILCARS. Here are a couple of their projects. They also created videos of the process to share with classmates!

On his way out the door for break, “Mr. Moore, I know what 10 times 10 is.” - a confident 1st grader

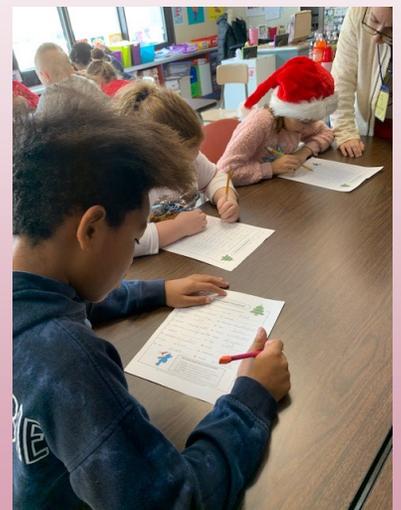
“Whaaaat? Let me hear it.”

“Fourteen!”

Cue nearby 4th graders who turn and look with a smile:)

“Well, that’s pretty close bud!”

4th Grade— Whether it’s working on long division on the promethean board or challenging your thinking on some difficult word scrambles, fourth graders are great at collaborating....a little healthy competition never hurt anyone either.



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5rd Grade— All students participated in our Grinch Recognition Project where we recognized others for acts of kindness.

Social Studies: students created 3-D projects on various native American tribes; clothing, location, daily activities, culture, food, and written communication including indigenous alphabets.

Math: Spiral review of multiplying and dividing decimals, place value charts, and exponents.

ELA: Students completed the mid-unit assessment which covered citing text evidence, summarizing, and main ideas.



6th Grade— In ELA students like Mia and (left) spent time poring over narratives written by their classmates. Peer review activities like this help us to become better writers capable of expressing ourselves clearly and thoughtfully. It also helps us absorb criticism in a low-risk, growth-producing way.

If Kyleen (top right) looks bored it's only because she's such a math expert. She could easily tell you how to multiply and divide improper fractions using the tried and true "switch flip" method. Mrs. Germinara's students (right) became experts this week on ancient Nile River Valley inventions like the *365 day calendar (divided into Flooding, Growing and Harvest seasons), *papyrus and *bowling.



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6th - learned about Northern Lights and are using art techniques to create pictures (chalk pastel, symmetry and reflection, splatter paint)

Art

5th - Square-1 Art (fun craft at end of year)

4th - Personification and texture by creating spirit animals. They are having fun personalizing them.

3rd - Ice Age animals by drawing and painting a woolly mammoth using the painting technique sgraffito

2nd - learning about warm and cool colors and shapes

1st - making penguins in a winter scene and also being introduced to warm and cool colors, practice making spirals and different types of lines

K - finished making their Christmas trees by learning how to use a paintbrush to paint as well as using materials like tissue paper to create texture.



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Word of the Month

Compassion

It was wonderful watching our 6th grade friends helping out Kindergarteners as they were creating their gingerbread houses on Thursday. Here TJ may be giving some architectural advice to Christopher, or maybe not, either way you've got to love the smile:)



Math TA: Mrs. Tracy Moore

Favorite Childhood Book: Charlotte's Web by E. B. White

Currently Reading: A John Grisham novel

Best Advice ever given: Be the best "you" that you can be

Hobbies: Cooking, hockey mom, being cool

What's the best thing about working at Owasco over the years? The staff, students and families.

Mrs. Moore has been an integral part of the fabric of Owasco Elementary for many years. She is helpful to all, kind, smart, and a great friend. We will miss her as she takes on new challenges as the AD secretary at Tubman administration building. Good luck Mrs. Moore and congratulations!



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OWASCO'S BEST



Congratulations: Madden, Kensington, Kendall, Hailey, Bryce, Reese, Saige, Kathryn, Nolin, Jacob, Alexa, Isabella, Aaliyah, Andrew, Owen, Lucca, Chase. Also Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. Reilley, and Mr. DiAngelis!

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Blake and Ryan kickin it in Ms. West's class (top left). (Above) Nathaniel, displaying the reindeer doppelgangers!

(Below) The healing properties of ice packs from the nurse are a pleasant but surprising mystery as Leah and Olivia can attest to. Is along for moral support :)



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Ms. Bouley (background) may have taught them how to write but Mr. Moore taught them how to hold a pencil above their ear, as modeled by Ruby & Michael (left). I think Kensington and Madden (below left) think someone is full of jello! I am not, however, kidding...as proven when I walked by Mrs. Major's class and saw Everett and Grace doing the same (bottom right) !!!!!



Miss Woodworth and several orchestra friends sharing their musical gifts with their schoolmates. What a beautiful way to begin a day!



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The last school day of 2019 saw Pajama Day, the Polar Express, the Sing-a-long, and a bittersweet goodbye!

