

Owasco Elementary Newsletter

October 18, 2019



NEWS



Happy Friday Owasco families!

Even though the days are becoming shorter and cooler (and maybe a little grayer) the light in Owasco is shining bright. We had another wonderful week of learning and growing together and I'm blessed to be doing this great work with you. As you know we've got parent teacher conferences coming up on Oct 30 and 31 and will be sending students home at midday to accommodate. We look forward to speaking with you about all the hard work your children are doing and about what good people you are raising. Until then please enjoy this newsletter that captures just a little of what's happening!

Yours,

Jeremy Moore

Owasco Elementary Principal

A LOOK

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| Sunday Bills 34 Dolphins 6 | 10/13 |
| Monday | 10/14 |
| Tuesday | 10/15 |
| Wednesday | 10/16 |
| Thursday | 10/17 |
| Friday | 10/18 |
| Saturday | 10/19 |

Kindergarten— Kindergarteners, like Arabelle, (bottom right) have been learning all about fire safety this week. “Our visit from the firefighters (bottom left) helped to put out our field trip blues” -Mrs. Gebo Much to our excitement, the firefighters even rushed off in response to an actual call, just after they were done teaching us. We were very impressed and thankful!



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1st Grade— Wow...what a difference a month makes! As a whole our reading skills have been growing leaps and bounds. We've been working of spelling, letter blends, CVC words, and independent and buddy reading. In case you didn't know an easy way to tell how many syllables are in a word is to count to vowels! They are really the heart of any good word. We are also working on diction and correction pronunciation of our words. One way we become experts is by listening to every sound in a word. Mrs. Gardiner's class (above) works through increasingly complicated words like fish, crush and finish. We appreciate a challenge. It's what makes us grow!



Mrs. Loudon's readers (left) are hot on the trail of various decoding skills!

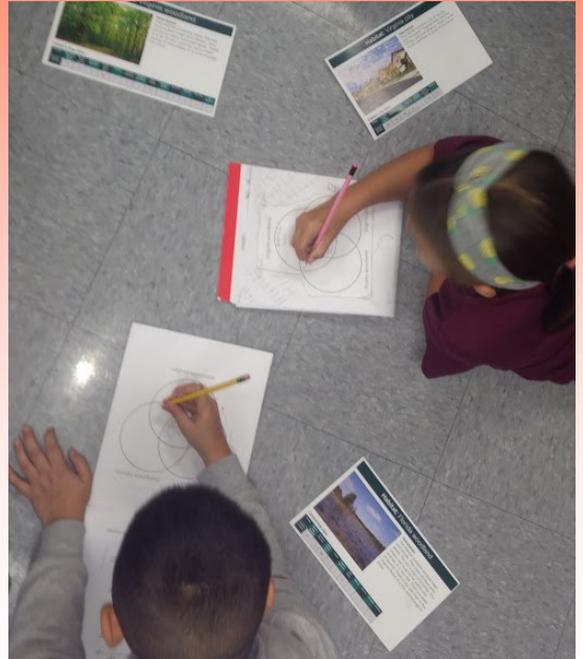
2nd grade— Second graders have been busy practicing our tens addition and subtraction to sharpen our math speed and fluency . $30+60 = 90$, $2,000+12,000= 14,000$. Go ahead and quiz us mom and dad! We've also been doing a lot of cool work around the season. Sometimes, we also stop to learn about each other. It's so nice to share a smile or extend some kindness to another human being.



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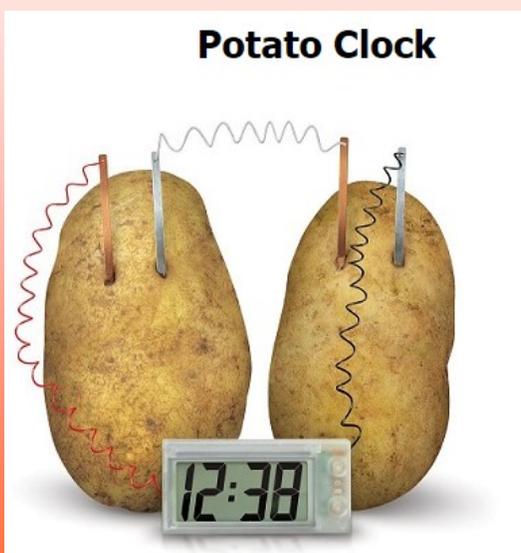
3rd Grade — As part of the How Can We Protect Animals When Their Habitat Changes Unit, the students are analyzing and interpreting data from three different habitats using the triple Venn Diagram Chart (right) for comparison data. The students are then using the collected data to construct an explanation for why different animals are seen in different habitats.

THIRD GRADE ENGINEERS As part of their science unit about animal habitats, third graders learned that some amphibian populations are declining because they're getting hit by cars while moving to a new water source. They used their engineering skills to design models of "tunnels" that amphibians can use to cross under the road safely. (see pics in ATS section)



4th Grade—

In Science this week, 4th Graders were given a battery, wire and light bulb to create electrical circuits. The students had to problem solve and figure out how to get the bulb to light! After a lot of trial and error, ALL students succeeded :) Click on the picture left to learn how a potato clock works and to build some new vocabulary for our budding inventors.



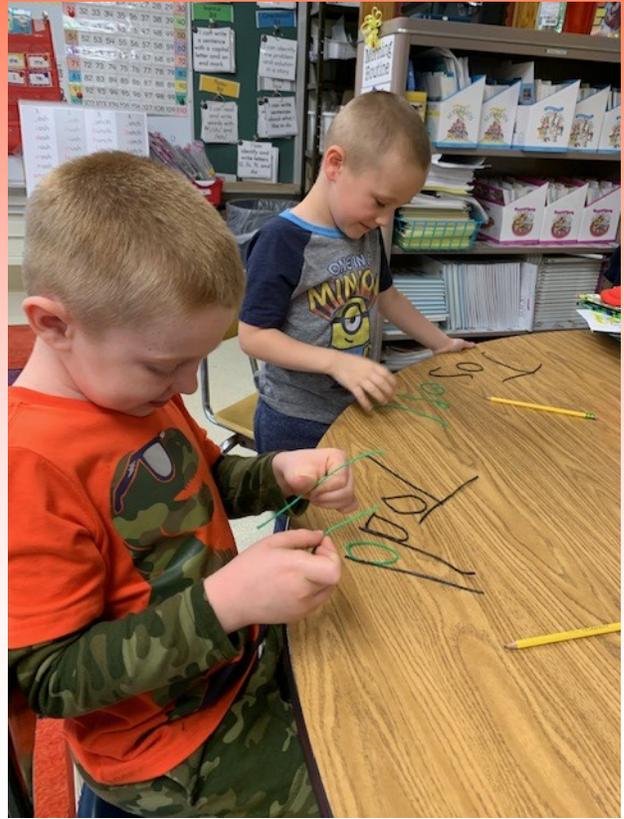
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Word of the Month

Friendship

A test of true friendship...do you enjoy each other's company even when you're doing the little things together?

Joseph and Todd do!



Staff Spotlight

Teacher: Mrs. Tracy Gardiner (1st grade)

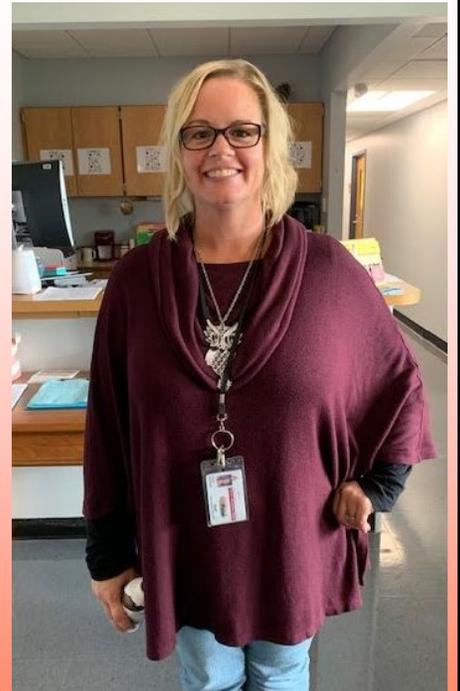
Favorite Childhood Book: The Babysitter's Club Series

Currently Reading: Girl, Stop Apologizing by Rachel Hollis

Best Advice ever given: Time is a gift.

Hobbies: four-wheeling, traveling, bike riding, fishing, antiques

What's the best thing about teaching 1st grade? First graders approach everything with so much excitement and enthusiasm that even on the worst day, they can make me smile, or at least keep me distracted :-), and the simplicity of a hug or holding someone's hand making everything better.



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AROUND THE SCHOOL



I'd like you to meet our Principal of the Day: Mr. Dominic Catalano

This young man was up and at em ' at the break of dawn and worked hard all day as you can see.

Here's what I learned about this impressive 3rd grader.

Born: April 1st

Hobbies: Hockey, Baseball, football, golf

Favorite Food: Pigs in a blanket

Favorite Color: Blue

Favorite Team: Buffalo Sabres

Favorite Subject: Science

Wants to be: A Navy Heavy Cruiser mechanic

Q: "What about your wife" A: "I don't want one of those."

Advice for younger students: "Don't worry if you get something wrong, keep trying. It's how you're going to learn!"

To every teacher he met: "You're doing a good job. You can leave early!"

In the 6th grade wing...Q: "Is this college?"

Favorite Movie: the documentary The USS Indianapolis: Men of Courage

Favorite Superhero: Captain America



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Mrs. Mitchel's third grade class designing natural roadways to facilitate creature movement.



This week we aced not only our letters but also those school pics! I think you'll agree:)



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Students in the Innovation Center were hard at work designing and building towers with spaghetti, marshmallows, string and tape.



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6th grade enrichment recreating the setting of the novel "Flipped" via Minecraft School Edition.

Mr. Cuddy catching a free ride from our little man James!
#strongmancompetition2033?



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A little Bus #10 fun!

