

# Owasco Elementary Newsletter

September 13, 2019



## NEWS



Hello Owasco families and welcome to our weekly newsletter!

You will see lots of pictures and updates about what each class(grade level) is up to and get information on important upcoming activities and events. Many newsletters will contain links to online resources so keep an eye out for those! In addition to our school website and twitter account this newsletter will serve as a main line of communication from school to home. We value your feedback and questions so feel free to email or call me anytime at [jeremymoore@aecsd.education](mailto:jeremymoore@aecsd.education) or 255-8721.

Yours,

Jeremy Moore Owasco Elementary Principal



## A LOOK AHEAD

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9/15</b>
<b>Monday</b> Constitution Day Assembly 	<b>9/16</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> Lockdown Drill Walkthrough	<b>9/17</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9/18</b>
<b>Thursday</b> Bus Safety Drill	<b>9/19</b>
<b>Friday</b> Owasco's Best weekly recognition	<b>9/20</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9/21</b>

**Kindergarten**— Kindergarten has been learning about their letters and about their new classmates. Lots of routine building, working on independence, how to be a good neighbor, and how to advocate for yourself. All necessary life skills! These kiddos



are full of smiles and curiosity. We hope they never lose those qualities:)



Mrs. Gebo's class "on the rug" getting to know each other a little better.

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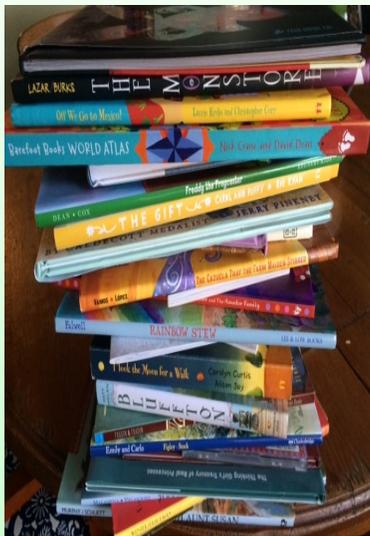
**1st Grade**—We've been reviewing our letters and numbers from Kindergarten and joining the Superkids for more reading excitement. In mathematics we've been discussing more than  $>$  and less than  $<$  and working on addition. We start every day with morning meetings and close the day out reflecting on the highs and lows of the day. We are making new friends and are excited to be part of our new classrooms.

(Right—Mrs. Major's class participated in our schoolwide Quizizz competition. We answered questions about our 4 Owasco Essentials: Respect, Responsibility, Safety and Honesty)



- 1st grader, "I need to go to the bathroom."
- Mrs. Narby, "May, I go to the bathroom?"
- 1st grader, "yeah sure, but first can I go?"
- It's an emergency!"

**2nd Grade**— Second graders hit the ground running reviewing letter blends and sounds. They are excited about all the growth they will achieve as independent readers this year. Mrs. Moulton has promised "the lightbulb will come on in March...it always does! Keep at it!" This week we were also introduced to non-fiction and are planning on putting the info we learn in these books to good use. In math we're working on making tens (ex.  $7+3$ ,  $37+3$ ,  $64+6$ , etc.) We have a unit in measurement coming up soon so don't be surprised when we ask to borrow the tape measure, the bathroom scale, and the yard stick. We've got serious practicing to do:)



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**3rd Grade**—3<sup>rd</sup> grade students have been welcomed into the “big kids hallway” and have gotten right down to work. In ELA student are reading about how children all over the world go to school (environment, weather, culture, and opportunity). In math it’s multiplication time; working on rows, arrays and redistribution of groups to determine alternate ways to calculate. It’s really about visualizing as much as it is



computation. In science the rollie polly bugs (pill bugs) have arrived. Students are leaning about habitat and adaptations. Let’s go!

## Cool Kid Alert!

Natalie S. (right) is in the groove and excited about ‘19-’20.



“I am a Jenga ninja” -  
overheard at 4th grade  
lunch

“Actually, I don’t think there  
is such a thing as too much  
reading.” .... 3rd grader

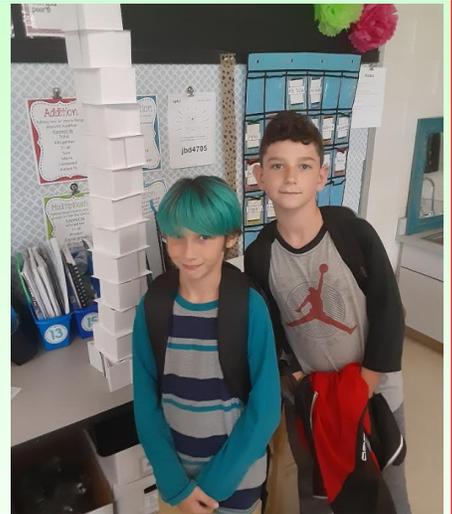
## 4th Grade—

- **ELA:** Students are starting the year off strong learning about the 6 Elements of a Story; Characters, Setting, Rising Action, Climax, Falling Action and Resolution. They will be identifying them in a variety of texts and then will ultimately be generating great stories of their own.
- **Math:** Working on place values from thousandths to millions.
- **Science:** Students are beginning a new Smithsonian unit of **Energy Movement and Change.**
- **Social Studies:** Where in the world are we? There are lots of ways to answer that I guess but students will be diving into the geography and history of New York and the various regions that make up the Empire State.



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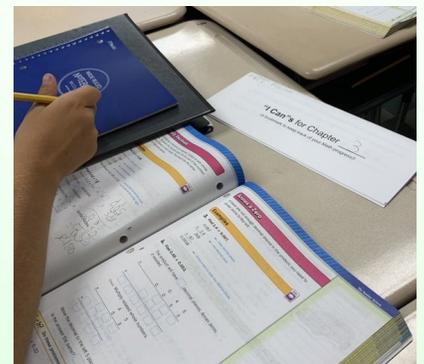
**5rd Grade—** (Math) students established group norms and expectations for working collaboratively. They're also exploring word problems and converting fractions to decimals. (Science) Freshwater is the topic of the day; water quality, biotic & abiotic factors, and transportation begin a multiweek study. (ELA) students are learning about the rights and responsibilities of citizenship and will use that knowledge to drive the Constitution



Assembly on Monday when mayor Quill visits the school. (above left and right; students-Addie, Luciana, Alex, Kaiden, and Brody engage in a STEM challenge after completing their work)

## 6th Grade—

- Students in **MATH** have reviewed key concepts from last year and are working their way through multiplying decimals as well as working independently and collaboratively.
- In **ELA** students are sharpening their writing through the Claim / Reasoning / Evidence!
- Coming up in **Social Studies** students will begin learning about the Women's Rights Movement and it's connections to local historical events.
- **Leadership** sixth graders have been helping out with morning announcements handling the Pledge of Allegiance, Owasco Pledge, Jokes of the Day and sharing thoughts on Kindness (our **Word Of the Month**). They also walk younger students to the bus every day, and several took turns painti and many are outstanding role models !



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## Word of the Month

**Kindness** is easily measured on the faces around you.



## Staff Spotlight

**Teacher:** Ms. Jennifer Testa 5th Gr.

**Favorite Childhood Book:** *The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein

**Currently Reading:** *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton  
"to compare notes with my son"

**Best Advice ever given:** "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

**Hobbies:** Running, Reading, DIYing (some call me the Queen of Pinterest), Watching hockey (my kids)

**Excited about this year:** A fresh start with a great new group of kids.



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## AROUND THE SCHOOL

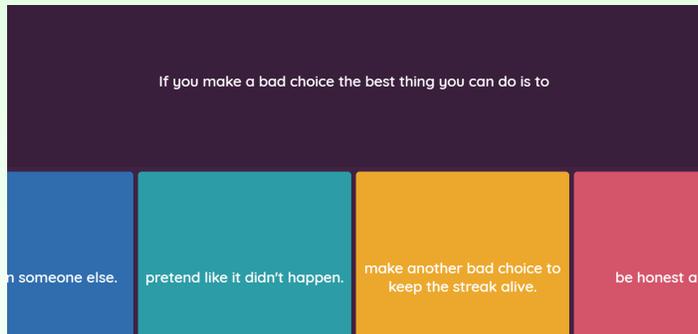


**Thank you to our  
OPT and 6th grade  
volunteers for all the  
fun last Friday for  
our 1st ever Lunch  
on the Lawn**



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### Results from School-wide Owasco Essentials Quizizz game

#### K-2

1st—Mrs. Murphy's

2nd—Mrs. Hall's

3rd—Miss Bouley's

#### 3-6

1st—Mrs. Carbonaro's

2nd—Mrs. Germinaro's

3rd—Ms. Testa's



**We introduced our new Student and Staff Recognition Program today. Thank you to our inaugural recipients for going above and beyond and making a difference!**