

Owasco Owls Newsletter

March 2021

A note from the principal...

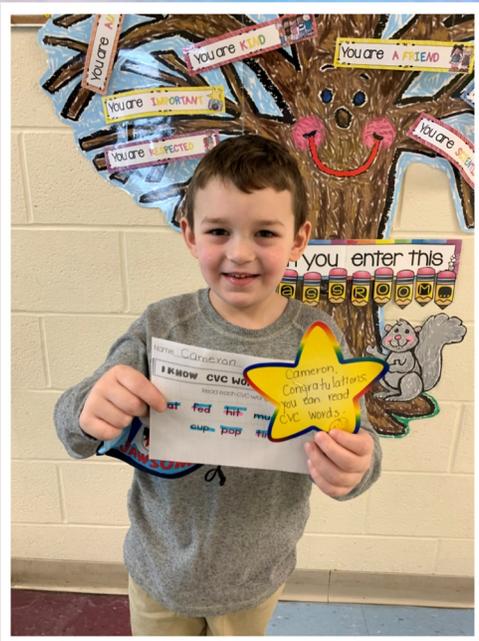
School Comprehensive Education Plan (SCEP) Update

One of our School Comprehensive Education Plan (SCEP) goals is “to increase student participation in the 2020-2021 Math and ELA state assessments by 20%-25%. New York state requested permission from the federal government to cancel spring assessments for grades 3-8. However, the U.S. Department of Education denied any “blanket waivers” of exams in 2021 saying that states must administer standardized tests this year. Each state can decide whether to make the tests shorter or not give them until the summer or fall. We will keep you abreast of any further information we receive.

In the meantime, Owasco will continue to recognize student achievement with a “Show what you know” theme. Take a look at the news and pictures below that highlight what students are learning...figurative language, body systems, equivalent fractions and more! Our kids continue to be amazing in light of all the challenges the pandemic brings. Keep reading for grade level details!!!



Kindergarten Show What You Know

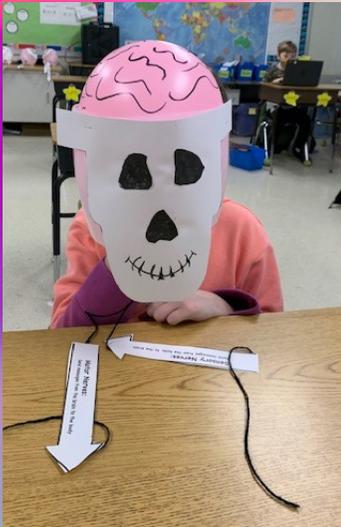


Cameron Debois
can read
Consonant-Vowel-Consonant
words!

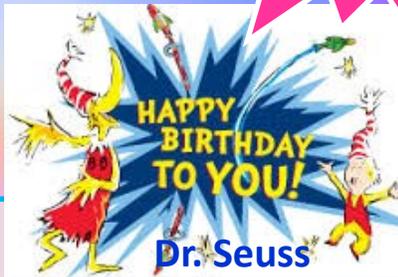


Jax Wood
celebrating
100 days of school!

Third Graders have been learning about the human body systems in science. They learned about the connection between the brain and the nervous system.



Mrs. Murphy's 2nd Grade Class had a Seuss-a-Thon!



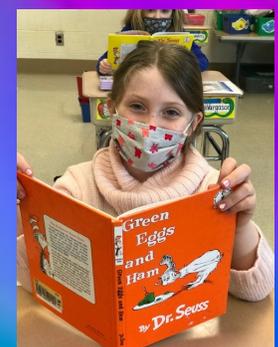
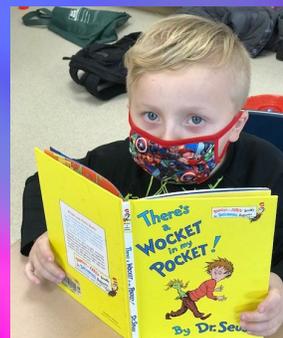
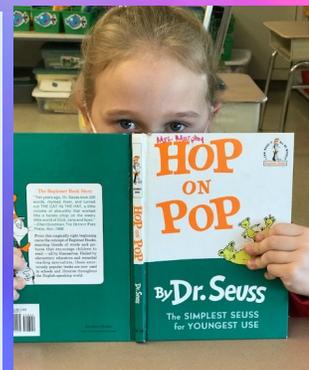
Fifth Graders are exploring the world of poetry and figurative language in ELA. Students are reading the writings of various poets and taking on the role as authors, applying what they have learned to their own writing. In Math Module 3, equivalent fractions are the foundation of practice in adding and subtracting fractions with unlike denominators.



5th Grader - Haylee Mills developed the Anti-Bully



5th Grader - Bailey Brown persevered and built this vending machine Valentines Card box.





Kindergarten & 1st Grade

Previous Project: Symmetrical Hearts

Shape & symmetry
Exploring color and new painting techniques
Facial expressions

← Mrs. Loudon's 1st Grade Class



2nd & 3rd Grade

Previous Project: Cardinals

Line - weight, direction, length
Exploring new media - oil pastels & blending
Practicing good painting habits

← Hybrid Student - Aiyleen W.



4th Grade

Current Project: Animal Personification

Visual personification
Texture
Using line/shape to draw large portrait

← Remote Student - Raymond B.



5th Grade

Previous Project: Silly Hearts

Artist: Chris Uphues
Size/proportion
composition/overlapping
Facial expressions & color

← Remote Student - Nathaniel S.



6th Grade

Current Project: Weaving

Exploring mixed media - paint & fabric
Concentric circles
Loom, warp, weft

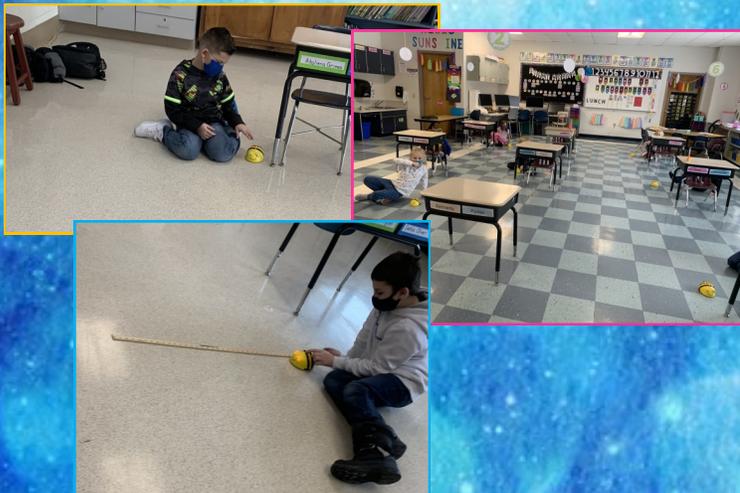
← Hybrid Student - Nolin B.

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Library Show What You Know

Students in grades K-2 explore coding with the use of Bee-Bots. Ask a second grader how many forwards a Bee-Bot must go to social distance from one another. (The answer is 12).



Sixth Grade students have been exploring Greek Mythology and are now reading *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan. The students are working hard at mastering the art of the short response.

In Math 6, students are learning how to solve algebraic equations using all operations. They know that “whatever you do to one side of an equation, you do to the other side” because math is all about balance.