



THE OG UPDATE

MAY 2024

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(submitted by Kate Quijano, Senior Program Director)

I can't believe how quickly this school year has gone by. I feel like just yesterday I was sending out acceptance letters for all the students in the donation-based tutoring program. It has been such a pleasure to watch them all grow this year and to become more capable and confident readers. Thank you to our tutor trainees for all your hard work. We are looking forward to seeing you complete your applications and to receive your OG certification.

Since the end of the 100 tutoring sessions is quickly approaching, we want to make you aware of other options going forward if you would like to continue having your child receive services from Literacy Nassau.

1. Summer Intensive - We are offering a summer program with small groups of students. The goal is to prevent summer regression in a fun, relaxed atmosphere and to continue to introduce new OG concepts. The program meets Mon-Thurs 9:15 am-12:00 pm from July 8th through August 1st. It includes a daily OG lesson, arts & crafts, games, snack time, and gross motor activities/sports. All activities are related to the OG concepts being studied. Students will be grouped based on age/ability level. The summer program is \$1950 for a 4-week program. Space is limited; please submit an application ASAP.

2. Small Group Instruction - This gives children the opportunity to work with their peers and continue to improve their literacy skills in a small group setting 2x a week (September through June). This program is contingent upon enrollment and only open to students who have completed the 100 session practicum and has a \$50 per session rate. Once we receive enough applications from students, we will match students with others at similar levels and with similar schedules and confirm the days and times that the small group will meet.

3. Fee-based Tutoring - Work 1:1 with a certified OG practitioner; the number of sessions per week is flexible and can be in-person or virtual. Space is limited so please submit an application ASAP. Students who have completed their 100 session practicum are offered a discounted rate of \$100 per session for fee-based tutoring. (If you have a household income of \$75,000 or less, we encourage you to complete a financial aid application. You can contact Anne-Marie at apoliviou@literacynassau.org to request a financial aid application packet.)

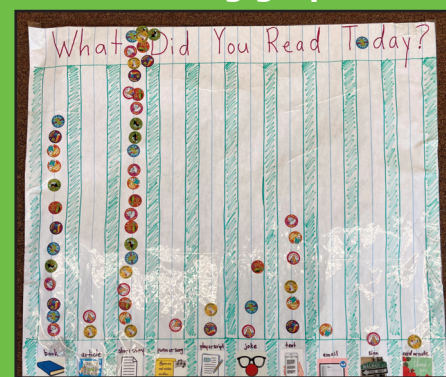
4. School District Contracts - We also have tutors available during the school day if your district is interested in contracting with us to provide 1:1 OG tutoring in the school. We are currently booking for the fall so districts should contact us now to create a contract and schedule for the fall.

For more information on any of these options, or to submit an application, please email Kate at KQuijano@literacynassau.org. We enjoyed working with you and your children this year and we hope to see them return over the summer or next school year!

Our Students at Work!



Short stories was the winner last month on our reading graph!



May 25
May 27

Office Closed
Memorial Day. Office Closed.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT:

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Our OG trainees met for their last training day of the school year. This completed their 60 hours of coursework required for associate level certification. The last day included a two hour final covering all of the concepts studied this year. Trainees split up into individual tutoring rooms so everyone had a quiet spot to focus on completing their exam. Then we spent some time reviewing the exam and answering any lingering questions they had.

After a pizza party lunch provided by Literacy Nassau, and several desserts provided by members of the trainee cohort, we were visited by our two certified level OG trainees, Melissa and Stacey. They are finishing up their 100 additional hours of certified level coursework and their final consisted of giving a presentation on a more advanced skill to the associate level group.



Stacey taught the group about the 1-1-1 doubling rule for spelling. (When a base word has one syllable, one short vowel, followed by one consonant, you double the final consonant before adding a vowel suffix: run + ing = run**ni**ng; run + s = run**s**.) She gave them step by step examples of how to teach this spelling rule and showed samples of checklists she has used with her students.

Melissa taught the group about the e-drop rule for spelling. (When a base word ends in silent e, drop the silent e before adding a vowel suffix: bake + ing = bak**ing**; bake + s = bak**es**.) She focused on multisensory strategies using color-coding and sliding word parts together on index cards to show the e dropping off the word.)



Karen, who has taught this entire year's associate level training as the final piece of her training to become an OGA Fellow, finished off the day giving the trainees information about the next steps in their process of applying to the Orton-Gillingham Academy, the code of ethics, and continuing education to maintain their certification. She also offered them an opportunity to reflect on their learning this year, share goals for the future, and to complete a course evaluation.

It was a great ending to this year's training. We look forward to the next couple months while the trainees finish out their tutoring practicum hours, assemble their lessons for the application and make their final submission to the OGA. Thank you to everyone for all your hard work!



Literacy Nassau's
OG Summer
Intensive Program

Very Limited Spots!

JULY 8 - AUGUST 1
MONDAY - THURSDAY
9:15am - 12:00noon
FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES 1-6

Building literacy skills for students with dyslexia, or other language-based learning disabilities.

\$1,950 (cash/check)
\$1,990 (credit)

To hold your place a **\$200 deposit (check/cash)** is required with your application.

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