

Literacy Newsletter

Oakland & Owens

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Get in Touch!

Please feel free to contact us throughout the year with any questions, concerns, or celebrations you have regarding your child's literacy experience.

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You can also find us on Facebook! Join the group "Oakland & Owens Literacy" for another method to receive classroom updates, literacy newsletters, and more! This is a private group designed as an additional outlet to keep families connected to our classroom.

What are we learning?

Reading

We are currently wrapping up our fourth unit of the year, which focuses heavily on speaking and writing about literature. All students are participating in a book club, and there is a major emphasis on developing original and debatable ideas that can be supported by textual evidence. This work is taking place in our mini-lessons, reading partnerships, book club meetings, and one-on-one conferring between teachers and students. This week we have been working on author's craft and figurative language. We focused on identifying the techniques that authors use, and supporting our ideas with evidence. Book club titles should be read to completion by March 6th.

Writing

In this unit, we've been "minoring" in writing, but it's played a very vital role in our learning. We have been working on taking our ideas and supporting them with sufficient evidence from the text. Students have been taking time to reflect on their depth of thinking both on their own and with peers.

Speaking & Listening

Speaking and listening skills are applied daily as students justify their thinking with a reading partner or discuss original ideas within book clubs. We've talked about the importance of listening to understand, and not simply listening to respond. Students are meeting with their book clubs approximately three times each week.

Conventions

Each week, students have a No Red Ink assignment that focuses on several grammar topics. The assignment is provided on Monday, and students have until Friday evening to submit their work. Within the next week, ask your child to log in to their **No Red Ink** account to share their progress with you. As soon as students log in, you will see a screen that looks similar to this image. Celebrate the number of topics they've mastered, discuss their quiz average, and take notice of any late assignments. Late assignments are listed in their own section with a purple background. You may need to click "View More Assignments" to see a full list of late assignments. We have another quiz coming up next week.

Hi, Candice!



Core 1

Change Class



Practice
20 points

Plural Nouns & Commonly Confused Words
6 topics

 Due in 2 days (Feb. 24)



Late Assignments



Practice
20 points

Pronouns, Antecedents, & Commonly Confused Words
5 topics

 5 days late (Feb. 17)



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