

THE OG UPDATE

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My Top Two Go-To Resources

(submitted by Judy Fouad-Schoeppe, OG Tutor)

As an Orton-Gillingham tutor, I have found two resources to be very helpful in my OG lesson planning.

The *Orton-Gillingham Word List Dictionary Volume* 2 includes word lists for digraphs, trigraphs, vce, vowel teams, the sounds of y, and compound words. It not only provides you with word lists for each, but also gives you such information as to whether the concept is voiced or unvoiced. It gives you information if there are multiple spellings for the sound, as well as the usual position in a word you would find the concept. The resources in this book are made to help you plan your lessons easily.

Orton-Gillingham Word List Dictionary Volume 2

Digraphs, Trigraphs, VCE, Vowel Team

Some of the ways I have implemented the words found in the book are:

- Having students make their own phonogram cards with keywords and pictures
- Word sorts based on the different phonograms
- Word building activities
- Word lists can be used to find theme and content related words

There are other volumes available which include different phonograms:

Volume 1

- Consonants
- Short vowels
- FLOSS
- Blends
- End Blends
- Closed syllable exceptions
- Compound words

Volume 3

- Soft C & G
- R-controlled
- W-Controlled
- -CLE
- Silent letters
- Complex Letter Teams
- Simple suffixes
- Compound words



Jamboard is the second resource I use for when I am planning for my virtual OG lessons. The most challenging part of a virtual lesson is making it interactive. A computer resource that I find interactive is a google

Jamboard. When shared with the student, they can interactively participate in the lesson.

Each board is called a Jam. A Jam consists of multiple frames that can be designed for your specific use. The background of each frame can be changed. You can insert pictures, words or paste on the frames. A student is able to write on the frame, highlight and post notes on the frame. There are features on the jamboard that include a pen, eraser, arrow, sticky note, image, shape, text box, and laser pointer that can be accessed by you and the student. Students love jamboards!



March 1st: Wordle Contest begins March 2nd: Read Across America

March 3rd: OG Summer Program Virtual Open House

March 6th: Training day for OG trainees

March 22nd: OG Office Hour with Karen; email for link
March 31st: OG Summer Program Virtual Open House

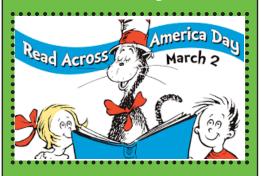
Wordle Contest ends - send us your statistics

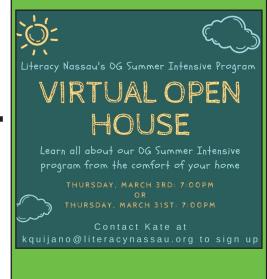


Celebrate your love of reading with us. After every tutoring session, OG students may pull a prize from Dr. Seuss's hat.



Dr. Seuss is a popular author who believed that children should LOVE reading. His birthday is March 2nd and has become part of the celebration of National Reading Month.





STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: SELENA

(submitted by Kaitlyn Beleckas, OG Trainee)



I am so pleased to have the opportunity to work with Selena as part of my Orton-Gillingham practicum experience. She is such a sweet, cheerful student and always tries her hardest. I am so proud of the progress she has already made during our time working together. I hope she continues to enjoy our tutoing sesssions as much as I do. I have enjoyed getting to know her. Below is the interview

I conducted with her.

What kind of activities do you like to do at Literacy Nassau? I like to practice Heart Words. I enjoy reading the decodable chapter books my tutor brings in for practice. I enjoy writing and practicing script. Ms. Katie will also bring in her iPad sometimes and we will practice blending drills on her iPad. Most recently I had fun playing a game called Sheep in the Jeep, which was practice for /ee/.

What do you like most about reading?

I really like reading graphic novels and I have been reading the series *Dork Diaries* by Rachel Renee Russell. Another book I enjoy reading is *Tales of a 4th Grade Nothing* by Judy Blume. I am reading this with my 4th grade class and there are some really funny parts to the book.

Do you think your reading has improved?

Yes, I think my reading has improved because I am now reading chapter books at home. The books that I just read I was able to read because of the practice during our lessons. Since my reading has improved, I really enjoy reading all different books. What is the hardest thing you have learned at Literacy Nassau?

The hardest thing I have learned at Literacy Nassau are all the different spellings for long vowel /a/. There are a lot of different spellings for long vowel /a/. We have done a lot of practice with the different spellings and when to use them.

What do you like to do outside of school?

I like to go to Hip Hop dance lessons. I have been dancing for four years. Also, I enjoy going to the park and eating Moe's with my family.

What goals do you have for this year?

I want to learn how to do a back over in dance. I have been practicing at my dance class. Also, I want to finish my Dork Diaries books.

What are you looking forward to this summer?

I am so excited for the summer! I just found out that my family is going on a cruise, and we are stopping at Disney World. We are also going on a trip to Lake George. It is a family tradition, and we go there every summer.

What is something that makes you happy?

I like to go to dance, read, and play on my iPad. Those are all things that make me happy.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: ISABELLA

(submitted by Andrea Clifford, OG Trainee)

Isabella is a bright and beautiful 10 year old girl. She enjoys being active and participates in competitive dance and horseback riding. She has a spring birthday, on May 6. Isabella gets a kick out of participating in the monthly challenges. She made sure she brought canned food in every week for the food drive in November, participated in Secret Snowflake in December, and currently has fun searching for hidden snowmen.



Tell me something that makes you happy. Horseback riding. **How was starting a new school?** It was different. For example, I'm meeting different kids. In my old school we wore uniforms. Now I choose my outfits, and I like picking out my clothes for school.

What is your least favorite subject? Social Studies-I find it boring.

What is your favorite subject? Math-because I'm good at it. What is your favorite book? Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing. It's a really funny book!

What is your favorite movie? Encanto because it's funny and it has magic.

What is your favorite after school activity? Competition Dance and horseback riding.

What do you want to be when you grow up? An actress and an Olympic horseback rider.

What is your favorite thing to do during our sessions? I like the Blending drill.

Do you think that your reading has improved since you've been coming to Literacy Nassau? Yes, very much.



Traditionally, we would be hosting our UnScrabble event this time of year. With the ongoing pandemic and no in-person events, we thought you'd enjoy this contest.

Have you played Wordle yet? Are you good? We challenge you to a Wordle contest against the rest of our LN family.

Please play Wordle throughout March. You can play using this link: www.powerlanguage.co.uk/wordle/

On March 31st, check your statistics. Either print out the page and mail it to us or take a screenshot

and email it to kquijano@literacynassau.org to enter. Whoever has the best

GUESS DISTRIBUTION will win a Word Game Prize Bundle. This challenge is open to ALL tutors, students, families, and friends of Literacy Nassau.



Be sure to follow us on social media for updates as well as directions in case you've never played before.