

THE OG UPDATE

JUNE 2022

NEXT STEPS FOR DONATION-BASED OG STUDENTS

(submitted by Kate Quijano)

The school year is winding down and our Orton-Gillingham trainees are wrapping up their required 100 hours of tutoring for their practicum. They are busy preparing their applications to submit to the Orton-Gillingham Academy so that they can obtain their associate level OG certification. We are proud of the work they have done as well as all the progress their students have made.

But now you may be thinking: my child has finished their 100 hours, what's next? We have a few options available for you:

- 1. Summer Intensive** - This year we are offering 2 sessions of our summer program (3 weeks each) with small groups of students. The goal is to prevent summer regression in a fun, relaxed atmosphere. (summer session 1: July 11th-29th, summer session 2: August 1st-19th) You can sign up for one or both sessions. Each session meets Mon-Fri 9:15 am-12:00 pm. The summer program 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 \$1920 per 3 week session. 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 hour 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 trained 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 hour 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. This service is billed to the district at our regular fee-based rate of \$150 per session.

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!



June 16: Office Hours With Kate; email for ZOOM link.

June 20: Office is closed.

June 27-30: Outdoor Pods ONLY will be available for make-up sessions. Please use Skedda to book the space.

SCHOOL'S OUT!

REFLECTION

My OG Reflections


Student: Tristan

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My OG Reflections

Student: Selena



My favorite part of Literacy Nassau is all of the projects that you do for holidays! My favorite ones were the secret snowflake and the Dr. Suss hot. It I did not go here I hold probably not know alot of things I know now.

Thank you, Literacy Nassau, for this wonderful opportunity to further develop my craft as a reading teacher! Thank you also to all of the parents for your trust and support to allow your students to work with us and embark on this learning journey together! Last but not least, thank you to my student, Selena, for all of your hard work and dedication to this program; I am so proud of you and all of the progress you have made! - Kaitlyn Beleckas (OG trainee)

REFLECTIONS OF MY ORTON-GILLINGHAM YEAR

As we wrap up the 2021-2022 school year, we would like to congratulate all of our tutors and students on their hard work and acknowledge all the progress they have made! We asked our trainees and students to share their reflections on the year. Here are some of their comments:

"Being on a sabbatical from teaching, I could not have asked for a better professional learning experience than I received through Literacy Nassau getting OG trained. I am so thankful for this fantastic opportunity and look forward to continuing what I have learned to use as a special education teacher both in and outside the classroom."
- Richard Aizer (OG trainee)

"Orton Gillingham is very very helpful and I would not be where I am now without this program. I see an improvement in my reading and writing."
- John (OG student)

"This year has been such an amazing learning experience for me! I have enjoyed seeing the wonderful growth that can occur when we tailor our lessons to meet the specific needs of our individual students. The Orton Gillingham approach has allowed me to be flexible with my student and provide him with a systematic approach to help him make continued progress."
- Renee MacDermott (OG trainee)

"This year has been nothing short of amazing. Watching my practicum student flourish has been utterly rewarding. I wish I had made the decision to get my Associate level certification years ago."
- Stacey Popkin (OG trainee)


"This past year at Literacy Nassau I've deepened my understanding of the principles of OG instruction through coursework and working one on one with two wonderful students. I gained the knowledge and skill to provide instruction to every type of learner, and I feel I can truly help every child become a reader!"
- Andi Clifford (OG trainee)



My OG Reflections



Student: Lucas

I have been working hard at reading and writing. I am getting better at r controlled. I'm also getting good at silent "e". I like going to tutoring because it is fun.



I am so grateful for the knowledge OG has afforded me. My favorite part of this experience was watching Lucas grow and become more capable and confident as a reader/writer. I have to say that I have also grown and become more confident too!"

- Dina Maiella-Marro (OG trainee)

**LITERACY NASSAU'S
OG SUMMER
INTENSIVE PROGRAM**


CHOOSE ONE OR BOTH SESSIONS:

JULY 11- JULY 29

AUGUST 1- AUGUST 19
MONDAY-FRIDAY FROM 9:15 -12:00

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

Literacy Nassau is very excited to invite you to join us for another year of our literacy-based summer program. The purpose is two-fold. It is to prevent summer regression for current students through maintenance of previously taught Orton Gillingham concepts and to provide exposure of OG principles for students who are new to OG. All of this will be done in a relaxed, fun atmosphere.



Very limited spots available per session. To hold your place a \$200 deposit (check/cash) is required with your application.

Orton-Gillingham (OG) based instruction will be incorporated through multisensory games, arts and crafts, and a variety of other indoor/outdoor activities. This summer program is designed for students who are 6-12 years old and are identified with dyslexia or who otherwise struggle with reading, writing, and spelling.

Students will be in small groups based on their age/ability level. Lessons and activities are guided by teachers who are certified through the Orton-Gillingham Academy (OGA).

Daily Schedule:

- OG-based reading/writing lesson
- Snack break
- OG-based game, craft, or activity
- Lesson Review/Read Aloud

Tuition: \$1,920 (cash/check) \$1,960 (credit) per session.

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