



THE OG UPDATE

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ORTON-GILLINGHAM RESOURCES

(submitted by Kate Quijano)

As we celebrated Dyslexia Awareness Month in October, we sent out resources to our families that would help to raise awareness and provide them with more information. We also asked parents and tutors to share some resources that they have come across with us. Here are some of the resources they recommend:



"Someone had recommended **Here's Hank** - chapter book collection - written by Lin Oliver and Henry Winkler (who has dyslexia). I read them to Tristan every night and he's really enjoying them. The character in the book has dyslexia and it makes Tristan talk about things that frustrate him. He also likes the stories."

(OG parent - Cara)

"**Simple Word Books** by C. Knebel (<https://simplewordbooks.com>) are great for older students. They are chapter books so students feel like they are reading the same type of books as their peers, but they are decodable. The back of the book gives a list of the types of words that are used in each story. Another website that I've used to get information on decodable books is <https://teachmykidstoread.org>."



(OG tutor - Kaitlyn)



"I found the **Dog on a Log** series (<https://dogonalogbooks.com>) useful because, just like with OG, the concepts in the books progress from simple to complex. There is an outline in each book of what sight words your child needs to be familiar with. Everything else in the text is completely decodable so you don't end up stumbling upon advanced concept words by accident."

(Literacy Nassau Executive Director, OG tutor & parent - Karen)

I would also like to recommend YouTube videos by Nessy. They have very short, funny video clips that help to illustrate the different syllable types that we teach in OG. I find them to be very helpful when I am teaching remotely. I can just share my screen and students can watch the 2 minute videos when I introduce a new syllable type. It brings a little humor and a different medium to the session that helps students connect to the new content.

WE HOPE YOU ENJOYED YOUR FUN PRIZES!



- November 2** Daytime Hours Only
- November 6** Closed for Tutor Seminar
- November 11** Closed for Holiday
- November 16** For OG Parents at 7pm: Virtual Office Hour with Karen; email for link
- November 20** Closed for Tutor Seminar
- November 25-27** Closed for Holiday

LITERACY NASSAU'S FOOD DRIVE



Our OG students enjoyed spinning the wheel to celebrate Dyslexia Awareness Month during the month of October. They won some cool prizes and looked forward to meeting their tutors each session. They have been learning so much!

We are so thankful for the dedication of our volunteer tutors and to our families who are committed to helping their children learn to read and write better. As we move into November, we continue to think about all the things we have to be thankful for. This time of year can also remind us to reach out to others who need our help.

Beginning on November 1st, we will be having a food drive. When you come to your tutoring session, please bring a non-perishable food item to donate. For each item you donate, your child will receive a "feather" to write their name on and add to our growing turkey that will be displayed on the front desk. When you have earned 10 feathers for the turkey, you will receive a prize.

Donations will be given to the food pantry of St. Frances de Chantal Church at the end of the month.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: LUCAS

(submitted by Dina Maiella-Marro, OG Trainee)



"Lucas is a joy to work with. He is a hard worker! Lucas has been learning so much, and in each tutoring session he is excited to apply what he has learned and build on it. I love to watch Lucas feel proud of himself and gain the confidence in his abilities. I feel so lucky to work with such an earnest student."

Lucas is a fourth-grade OG student who loves to surf and play baseball. He also loves to earn Skittles from his hard work during tutoring. Lucas lives with his mom, dad, three sisters and his dog, Grady. He is the youngest in his family.

Q: Do you have a favorite thing, place, or activity?

A: My favorite place is probably surf camp.

Q: What makes you happy?

A: A thing that makes me happy is my family.

Q: What is hard for you? **A:** School

Q: What are some ways you would describe your OG tutor?

A: She's nice, and fun.

Q: What do you like about tutoring?

A: The teachers are kind, nice, and if you mess up they help you.

Q: How do you feel about when you are in a tutoring session?

A: Happy!

Q: In our lessons, we learn interesting facts about the letters in the alphabet and rules to help us read and write. What are some of the coolest things you've learned so far?

A: Welded sounds and C vs. K because we got to hop around when we were learning that.

Q: What do you want to be when you grow up? **A:** An inventor

Q: What would you like to learn more about? **A:** Words

Q: Are there any books that you want to read? **A:** Dog Man

Q: How do you feel about virtual lessons?

A: They are fun. It's a little difficult because when you try to write, it doesn't always write.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: TRISTAN

(submitted by Neha Bajaj, OG Trainee)

Tristan is a sweet and funny eight-year old boy in 3rd grade.

Tristan was a part of the summer intensive program with Literacy Nassau. Tristan and I have been working together for about a month now and he is always very engaged for our sessions. He likes to draw positive reinforcing smiley faces on the board as we go through our lessons. We do a lot of writing in Tristan's favorite color, which is green. Since



Tristan was in the summer program, he has a strong knowledge base and we've moved through open and closed syllable words as well as c v. k vs. ck, beginning welds and blends. Tristan can read a good deal of learned words and he loves when we move to the challenge of writing new learned words with his eyes closed! We have also begun working with auditory drills using Play-Doh and Tristan likes to make a friend named Bob with green Play-Doh, who then watches us throughout our sessions.

Tristan loves playing football on the weekends and recently scored a touchdown for his team. He is a Star Wars fan and he is an expert at drawing Yoda, which he demonstrated in one of our lessons. He has a dog named Milo and also likes to play Roblox in his free time. His favorite foods are pasta and pizza. He also likes cookies and we both share a love of mint chocolate chip ice cream from Carvel. In addition to playing video games, Tristan loves swimming in the pool and having water gun fights. One of his favorite places to have visited is Australia and his favorite animal is a snake!

I am excited to continue working with Tristan and I know he will grow so much this year!

