

THE OG UPDATE

OCTOBER 2023

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH

(submitted by Kate Quijano, Senior Program Director)

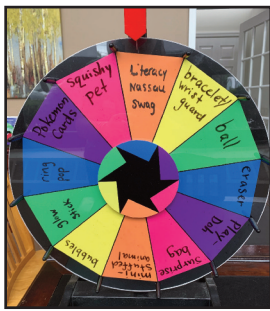
October is Dyslexia Awareness Month. Dyslexia is an unexpected difficulty in reading and writing that doesn't match the student's potential. The word dyslexia comes from Greek and means "difficulty with words." It is a difficulty with using and processing linguistic and symbolic code (understanding the relationship between letters and sounds).



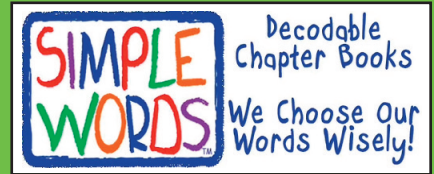
Literacy Nassau works every day to support students with dyslexia and other language based learning disabilities at our tutoring center. Orton-Gillingham is known as the gold standard in working with students with dyslexia. It uses a structured, multisensory approach and meets each child exactly where they are. All of our tutors have received their certification (or are training to receive certification) from the Orton-Gillingham Academy (OGA). We are so proud of the work our students and tutors have already done this year.

These books are decodable based on the skills the student has already learned and which do not include advanced skills that they have not been taught yet nor concepts that would encourage guessing:

SimpleWord Books
by C. Knebel
simplewordbooks.com



As a celebration this month, we have some prizes for our students! After each tutoring session, OG students can spin the wheel to determine what prize they will receive. Some possible prizes are Pokemon cards, fidget toys, Airheads candy, book erasers, slime, or squishy balls. A spin after every lesson means that students will get up to three prizes a week depending on how many sessions they have each week. That's a lot of celebrating! The wheel will only be available during the month of October. So if you have to complete any make-up sessions, be sure to schedule them before the month ends.



To learn more about dyslexia and how Orton-Gillingham can help your child visit these websites:

Orton Gillingham Academy: ortonacademy.org

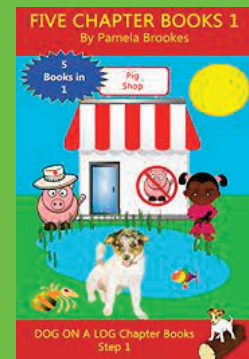
International Dyslexia Association: dyslexiaida.org



Help spread awareness about dyslexia by purchasing something from www.pqbd.org. This organization uses their unique design created with the letters p, q, b, and d to bring awareness to the common confusion among these letters for people with dyslexia. They donate 10% of sales to different dyslexia related organizations. So we encourage you to select Literacy Nassau and help to support our programs if you make a purchase.



Dog on a Log Series
dogonalogbooks.com



High Noon Books
Sound Out Chapter Books
highnoonbooks.com



October 9th Office Closed
October 28th Associate OG Training
October 31st Halloween!



RESOURCE CORNER

The Literacy Nest provides a wonderful interactive presentation of books and videos about dyslexia offering information on facts you may not know.

www.theliteracynest.com



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Where fledgling readers grow.

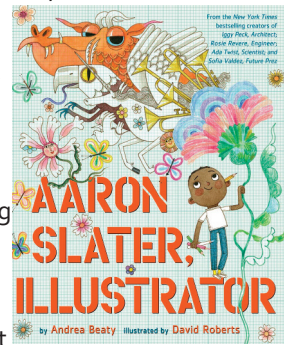


Nessy also offers web-based resources, videos, and games that can add some fun while reinforcing the methodology that students are learning through their OG tutoring. Visit www.nessy.com for more information or search for Nessy videos on YouTube.

AARON SLATER, ILLUSTRATOR

(written by Andrea Beaty, illustrated by David Roberts)

This beautiful picture book tells the story of Aaron Slater who loves stories and art and wants to write his own stories. Aaron has dyslexia so reading and writing is very difficult for him and he worries about sharing his stories with his class. His teacher realizes his struggles and accepts his creative, verbal storytelling while helping him to work on his reading and writing skills. It is a great book to share with students who are struggling readers or who worry about school. It celebrates creativity and finding your own unique way.



Our tutors and students focused on getting to know each other, building a supportive environment, completing assignments, and learning the routines of OG during the month of September. We look forward to all the new skills they will gain as we move into October.

