



THE OG UPDATE

JULY 2023

MEET OUR SUMMER INTENSIVE PROGRAM STAFF

(submitted by Kate Quijano)

Welcome to the 2023 OG Summer Intensive Program. We had a great first week working with all of our students as they engage in reading and writing activities and worked to improve their skills this summer. Students have been learning about syllable types and syllable division. They have practiced reading through arts & crafts and sports.

I would like to introduce you to some of our summer staff:

KATE QUIJANO

I am the Senior Program Director at Literacy Nassau and a Fellow in Training of the Orton-Gillingham Academy. For our adult programs, I train volunteers, register and assess students, and coordinate/schedule classes for our English Language Learner and Basic Literacy programs. For our children's programs, I conduct intake interview and assessments and match students with OG tutors. I also provide OG instruction for several students myself. I have a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and a master's in Literacy Education. I have worked in the education field for the past 20 years as an elementary school teacher, a literacy specialist, and an adjunct professor. I oversee the summer program and am one of the teachers. I have enjoyed teaching syllable division this past week and where to "chop" larger words.

IZABELLA KATZ

Izabella is the Program Manager at Literacy Nassau and an associate of the Orton-Gillingham Academy. She oversees our adult programming/data management and tutors students in OG. Izabella is so excited to be working for Literacy Nassau, and she is grateful to be able to help children with learning disabilities learn to read and write. She says that "The kids have a great time during OG lessons, arts and crafts activities, sports/games and even snack time. The summer program is an outstanding way to see everyone work on their skills together. Seeing everyone make new friends is just an added bonus!"

RICHARD AIZER

Riohard is very excited to be part of Literacy Nassau's Orton-Gillingham Summer Intensive program. He has completed his Associate Level Certification training with the help of Literacy Nassau and the Orton-Gillingham Academy. This is his second year teaching the summer program at Literacy Nassau. During the year, he is a New York City Department of Education teacher and part-time tutor with Literacy Nassau. "We have had a great start with the children! I especially love seeing students practice literacy skills while engaging in fun sports activities."

MARY BAUMGARTEN

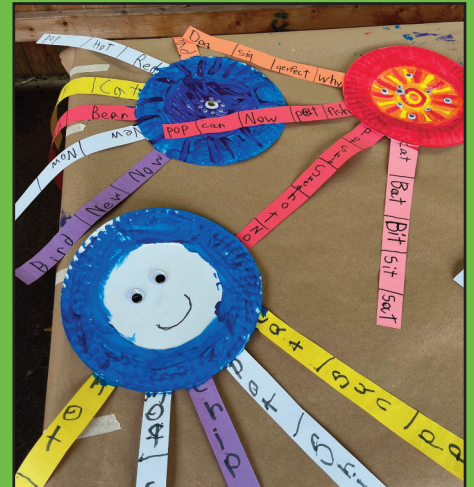
Mary is currently a second grade teacher, and so loves what she does! She is an experienced elementary school teacher with a master's degree in Literacy. She was trained in Literacy Nassau's very first cohort of OG tutors. After receiving her associate level certificate from the Orton-Gillingham Academy, she has continued to work with us as an OG tutor for students both in-person and virtually. We have had the privilege of having her on staff as an Orton-Gillingham tutor for the past few years!

This is Mary's third year with the Orton-Gillingham Summer Intensive Program. We are glad to have her back again to work with both new and returning students. Mary's group has been hard at work reading words with closed syllables & short vowel sounds.



Left to right: Mary, Richard, Izabella and Kate.

SUMMER INTENSIVE CRAFT CORNER



Some of our summer activities have included:

- Fishing for sight words
- Short vowel bullseye
- Magic E wands
- Bang reading game
- Identifying syllable types
- Coding words
- SOS spelling



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