

MEET OUR SUMMER INTENSIVE PROGRAM STAFF

(submitted by Kate Quijano, Senior Program Director)

Welcome to the 2025 OG Summer Intensive Program. We had a great first week working with all of our students as they engaged 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/games.

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



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 fifth 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 and is excited about starting magic E and exploring vowel teams too.

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!" Izzy's group has been working on syllable types and syllable division patterns.

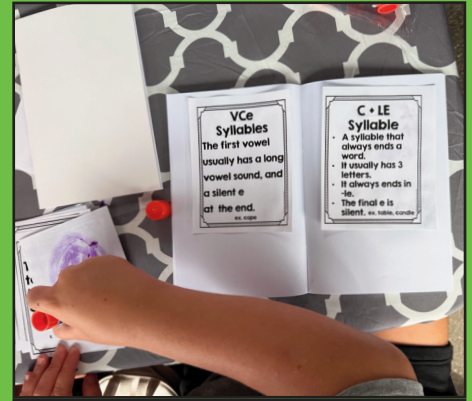
LISBETH FUREY

Liz is a retired early childhood education teacher. She served as a teacher for the New York City Department of Education. Liz recently trained for her Orton-Gillingham Associate level certification. Teaching children to read has been the most rewarding part of her career. She is excited to be working alongside other Orton-Gillingham trained tutors to build a strong foundation in literacy for the students. She is happy to be a part of the OG Summer Intensive Program and looks forward to helping the students become successful and confident readers and writers.

TERRI STAPLETON

Terri Stapleton has been a reading teacher for 25 years and enjoys sharing her love of literacy with her students. She has an OG associate level certification which she trained for at Literacy Nassau, and she currently works with us as an OG tutor. Terri is excited about being part of the summer program and is looking forward to teaching, learning, and some fun in the sun!

SUMMER INTENSIVE CRAFT CORNER



OG Summer has begun!

Each student is working with a set of materials they received to use throughout the summer.



Students worked on alphabetizing. New skills are often repeated using different strategies.



Here the children are blending sounds to read new words using a variety of fun manipulatives.



OG is used throughout the day both indoors and outdoors! Here the group is playing a sight word matching game.



Improving gross motor skills during game time is always a favorite way to apply newly learned skills.

ORTON-GILLINGHAM SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DYSLLEXIA

Donation-based Tutoring - Students are matched with OG tutor trainees and meet 3x a week (September to June) for 1:1 tutoring. The suggested donation is \$50 per session.

Fee-based Tutoring - Students are paired with certified, OGA accredited practitioners for 1:1 sessions, at a rate of \$150 per session.

Summer Intensive - Prevent the summer slide with our small group program which aims to engage students with OG-based activities in a fun, relaxed atmosphere.

OGA Associate-Level Training - Learn how to become an OG practitioner and get accredited by the prestigious Orton-Gillingham Academy.

School District Contracts - Certified practitioners can be deployed into schools to provide 1:1 instruction.

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