

## DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH

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### WHAT IS DYSLEXIA?

Dys = difficulty and lexis = word so dyslexia literally means "difficulty with words". Dyslexia is an **unexpected difficulty** in reading in an individual who has the intelligence to be a much better reader.

### WHAT ARE SOME SIGNS OF DYSLEXIA?

- Difficulty pronouncing words
- Difficulty following directions and confusion with before/after, right/left, up/down, etc.
- Difficulty learning the alphabet, nursery rhymes or songs
- Difficulty understanding concepts and relationships
- Struggle with word retrieval or naming problems
- Difficulty identifying or generating rhyming words or counting syllables
- Difficulty with hearing and manipulating sounds in words
- Difficulty distinguishing between different sounds in words
- Difficulty learning the sounds of letters
- Difficulty with decoding and fluency
- Difficulty putting ideas on paper
- Many spelling mistakes
- Struggles with proofreading
- Letter reversals
- Avoidance of reading/writing tasks



### HOW CAN I SUPPORT A STUDENT WITH DYSLEXIA?

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. It is emotionally sound and respects the cognitive abilities of the student. All of our tutors have received their certification (or are training to receive certification) from the Orton-Gillingham Academy (OGA).

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## OCTOBER IS DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH



As we celebrate Dyslexia Awareness 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. 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. But don't worry, we have more fun planned for November!

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



**October 2:**  
Daytime tutoring  
hours only.

**October 4:**  
OG Cohort Training.

**October 13:**  
The office will be  
closed today!

Monday, October 13  
**COLUMBUS  
DAY**

The office will be closed.

## RESOURCE CORNER

The Literacy Nest provides a wonderful interactive presentation of books and videos about dyslexia offering information on facts you may not know. You can learn more about Orton-Gillingham and the Science of Reading!

[www.theliteracynest.com](http://www.theliteracynest.com)



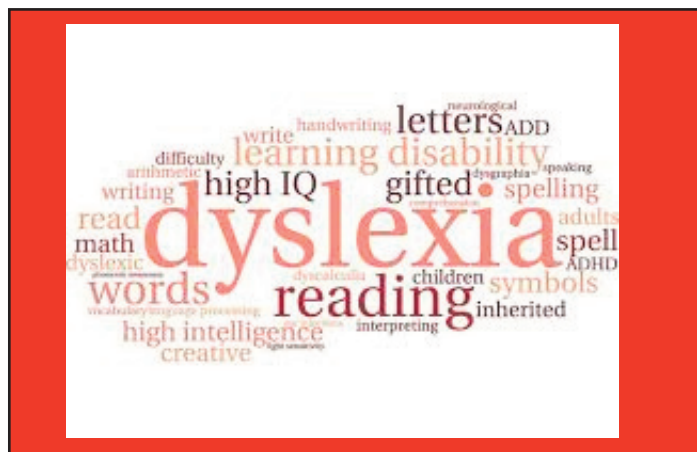
You can get more information about dyslexia as well as resources for students and parents by visiting their website: [www.dyslexiaida.org](http://www.dyslexiaida.org)



### DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH (CONTINUED)

For more information on OG, please visit their website at [www.ortonacademy.org](http://www.ortonacademy.org)

Our tutors have been hard at work getting to know each of their students and planning specifically for them. My favorite aspect of the OG approach is how tailored it is for each child. We move at the child's pace, use the errors they made in the lesson to determine what to teach in the next lesson, and write sentences/stories based on the student's interests, using only words with skills that they have been taught, ensuring an emotionally sound, successful experience in each session.



Our trainees studied and practiced with each other prior to planning their first lesson with their students.



Students and trainees have enjoyed getting to know one another and learning the routines of the OG lesson.

## The dyslexia symbol

empowers the dyslexic community



This jewelry line was designed to create a way for the dyslexia symbol to show support and to raise funding for dyslexia organizations. Available in sterling, 14k over sterling, and solid 14k, styles come in an organza gift bag with an eye-catching information card that explains the significance of the dyslexia symbol.

[www.pqbd.org](http://www.pqbd.org)

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