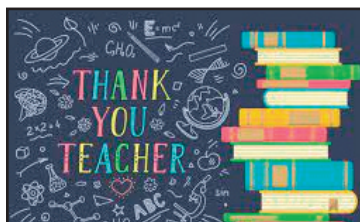




THE OG UPDATE

JUNE 2023

THE YEAR IN REVIEW



As we wrap up the 2022-2023 school year, we would like to congratulate all of our tutors and students on their hard work and acknowledge all the progress they have made! It has been a pleasure to see everyone's commitment to their studies and everything they have learned. We asked our tutor trainees and students to share their reflections on the year. Here is what some of them said:

"My student is absolutely delightful and a pleasure to work with three times a week. I love watching her think through how each word is read and spelled using the strategies taught to her."

Stacey Popkin, certified level trainee

"I am so fortunate to have had this wonderful opportunity to receive Orton-Gillingham Training at Literacy Nassau this year. I have learned so much from Laurie, Karen and Kate, and I am so proud of how much my practicum student has achieved! I look forward to using my OG Training to help struggling readers."

Melissa Buchberger, associate level trainee



"The training I received at Literacy Nassau this past school year has changed the way I teach forever! I feel so lucky to have been given this opportunity and feel empowered to help any student learn how to read. I am incredibly grateful to my wonderful student, Jordan, and her amazingly dedicated family. Thank you Karen, Kate, Laurie, and Elaine for all of your help along the way!"

Ruby Klein, associate level trainee

"If you are working on something that you really care about, you don't have to be pushed, the vision pulls you."-Steve Jobs

"Reflecting on the past nine months gives me the confidence and reassurance that my time and hard work has paid off. I have been fortunate to work with a wonderful student and family this year. Their punctuality, communication, and kindness have made this a successful experience. I would also like to thank Karen and Kate for their wealth of knowledge and guidance, and my supportive cohort of amazing teachers and friends. Thank you for this opportunity and allowing me to work on something that I truly care about and value. Happy Summer!"

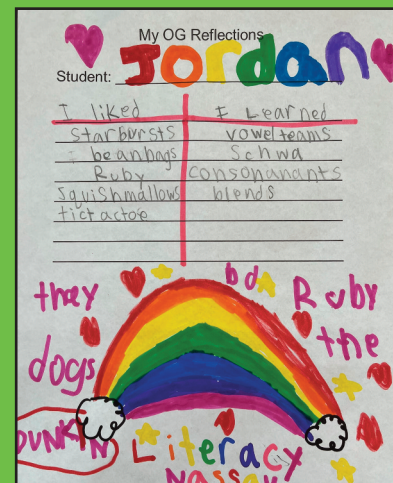
Margie Mosher, associate level trainee

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June 19 - Office Closed
 June 24 - Office Closed
 June 26 - Daytime office hours only begin through the summer.

OG Student Reflections



My OG Reflections

Student: David

This year I learned about long and short vowels, magic 'e' and vowel teams. My favorite activities were the faster egg hunt and the Pokemon go a civify at the center. My reading improved a lot, I can read books. I hope my reading will improve even more next year.

My OG Reflections

Student: Parker

I like the end of the lesson so we can play uno! In OG uno, you match words by color or syllable types. I beat Kate almost every time. I have 58 points, Kate has 27 points, we played 85 rounds of uno. I also like to learn Latin roots. I know tract, form, rupt, tort, struct, and ject.



THE YEAR IN REVIEW (CONTINUED)

"As I reflect upon this year, I am grateful for being given the opportunity to train for my Associate-Level Certification at Literacy Nassau. When I look back to the start of this year, I can see how much I have grown as a practitioner and I am thankful to my Fellow and to the Fellows-in-Training who have helped me on this journey. Thanks to their encouragement, feedback, training and dedication, I was able to manage this rigorous program. As I look back to the start of this year, I can't help but feel pride in my practicum student for all of his hard work. This year was full of challenges but he never gave up and the growth he has made in his reading skills are a testament to his perseverance. I am honored to have been a part of his journey and I know that continued success is in his future."

Donna Rocco, associate level trainee

My OG Reflections

Student: Massimo

I feel like I am a better speller, I like using games to practice sight words.

Donna's student Massimo shared his reflection above.
We are proud of you!

"It has been a privilege taking the Orton Gillingham Associate Level training course with Literacy Nassau. This training has completely transformed my teaching practice. Being dyslexic and being taught to read with the whole language approach, I never realized how much of the English language is actually predictable and decodable. The multisensory, systematic approach to language is efficient and effective, making it accessible to all learners. The training was well organized, well presented and included a lot of research, references and practical resources. Literacy Nassau created an atmosphere that encouraged questions and discussions which also helped make the training successful. As mentioned before it has been a privilege to work in such a supportive learning environment. Special thanks to my favorite student who took this journey with me. I am so proud of you!"

Madia Lamontagne, associate level trainee

"Education is the key to unlocking the world. It is the passport to freedom." - Oprah Winfrey



Madia and her student Dylan enjoyed all of their lessons together.



FIRST YEAR IN THE FIELD

(by Richard Aizer, OG Tutor)

I am a new OG tutor and I am also a full time SE teacher in the NYC DOE. As the school year is almost over, I would like to reflect on the growth of both my students in school as well as the individual OG student who I have tutored privately this past year.

Some background information: I received my Orton-Gillingham (OG) Associate Certification in July, 2022. So this was my first time as a tutor post practicum. Yes, it was a bit scary not having any more direct regular supervision, but I saw it as an opportunity to practice and enhance my skill set using what I learned during my supervised practicum.

One of the main tenets of OG is that each lesson is prescriptive based on what you saw in the previous lesson. As I progressed through the year, I gained more confidence in my skills in coming up with explicit remedial instruction based on how my student was responding. Also, I was able to research and use additional resources. This included using "Itchy's Alphabet" for hand writing, additional text resources for reading fluency, as well as becoming more proficient in delivering my lessons.

I look forward to my continued work with all of my students as well as going back and teaching at Literacy Nassau's Summer Intensive Program.



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