

ORMONDALE SCHOOL YEAR in REVIEW

2022-2023



May/June Life Skill - Reflection

Reflection - an examination of one's own thoughts and feelings, experiences and interactions

Let us reflect on the year 2022-2023.....

TK Welcomes All 4 Year Olds!

- Universal TK at Ormondale = 2 classrooms with 33 students enrolled!
- Our TK Program is a place for children to play, explore, try new things, test their ideas and use their imaginations while they learn new things
- Classrooms are beautifully organized in various learning areas.
- The classroom schedule is always flexible and personalized for different learning needs.



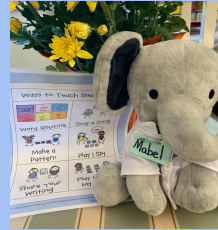
Transitional Kindergarten



Morning Tubs
Morning Meeting
Phonemic Awareness
Music/PE
SEL/Monthly Lifeskills
Center Time
Outdoor Exploration
Gardening
Math Games
Science/TWIG

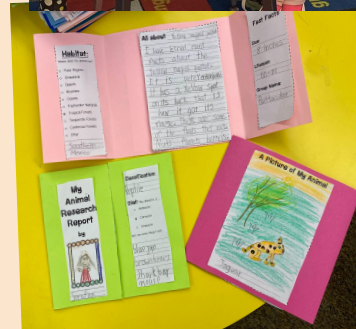
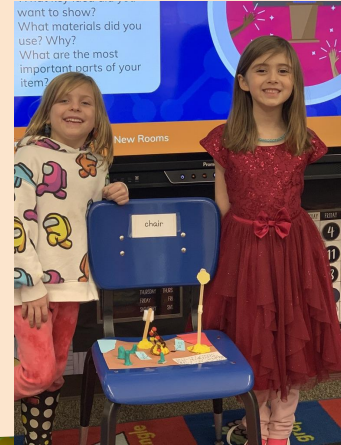
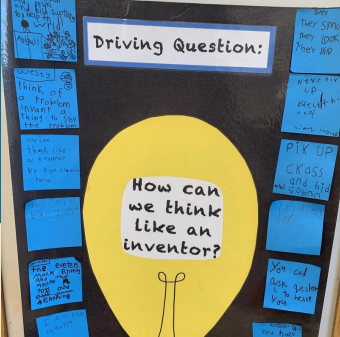
Kindergarten

- Building a Community of Friends
- Joyful Learning
- Growth Mindset
- Presentation Skills
- SUPER Readers and Writers
- Creativity
- Problem Solvers
- Math All Around Us
- Science Exploration



First Grade

- Readers' and Writers' Workshop Celebrations
- Young Inventor's Expo.
- Animal Research Projects
- American Symbols Projects
- Math through Art
- Bi-weekly Art -(CSMA)
- Twig Science
- Field Trips-Curidossey, Palo Alto Children's Theater, Oakland Zoo
- Young Author's Day



Second Grade

- Readers and Writers Celebrations
- Weekly Garden with Mrs. Coffee
- Farmers' Market
- Hall of Heroes
- Service Learning
- Kindergarten Buddies
- Twig Science
- Field Trip to the Exploratorium
- Multi-digit subtraction



Third Grade

- 7 Ecosystems of the Bay Area
- Learning About the Ohlone!
- Studying Ormondale, the Horse, including learning to draw him!
- Keeping track of our weather and learning about extreme weather.
- Becoming confident readers and writers
- Dreaming Big - Creating Our Own Dream Houses!
- Service Learning Project - Used Book Fair



Big News! We started 2023 with a new Counselor!

- Bi-Weekly SEL Lessons Grades 1-3
- Weekly SEL Lessons TK & Kinder
- Life skills: *Friendship, Empathy, Resourcefulness, Integrity, Reflection* (began in January with hiring of Mrs. Vincenzo)
- Individual student counseling, small group counseling
- 1:1 check in / check out
- Book of the Month Read Aloud with the Principal



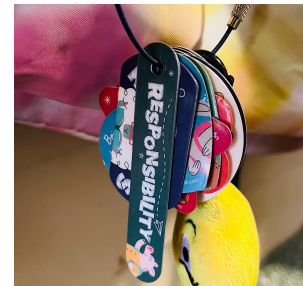
PBIS and SEL at Ormondale - {RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, SAFE & KIND}

PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Support):

- Ormondale Honors and Honors Celebrations
- Kid Talks - Principal/Counselor chats with grade level teams/specialists about kids

SEL (Social-Emotional Learning):

- Monthly themed SEL lessons taught by school counselor to highlight life skill of the month
- Principal's Book of the Month
- Grade level buddies - TK/K/2 and 1/3
- Kindness Club
- Abilities Awareness
- Social Skills Groups to teach and reinforce life skills and assist students with developing positive relationships



STEAM Activity Highlights



- In class STEAM Challenges related to curriculum themes
- Creative Thinking activities
- Student Choice
- Science experiments from new TWIG Science curriculum
- PBLs
- Maker Mondays with Ms. Richard



Highlights in Music



Mr. White started the year teaching on the stage

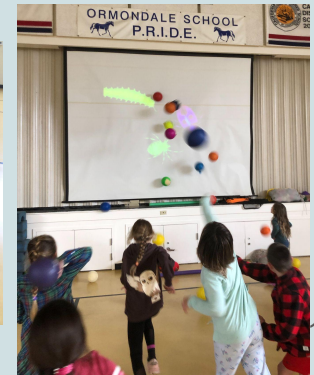
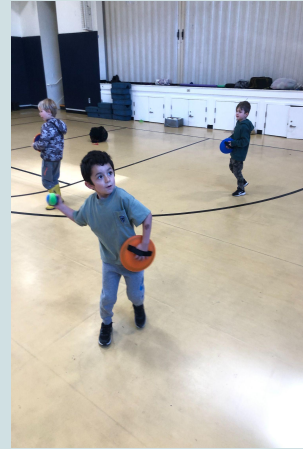
And then....Mr. White got a brand new room for the new year!

- In class singing, dancing and making music with classroom objects and our bodies
- Third graders get experience using Orff instruments
- Return to traditional Winter Celebration Concert in the MUR
- Ormondale Musical - Moana - on Wednesday, May 24



Physical Education

- Fitness Activities
- Throwing
- Kicking
- Catching
- Basketball Skills
- Hockey Skills
- Team Building Games
- Striking Skills
- Soccer Skills
- Jump Rope
- Tag Games
- Capture the Flag
- Field Day



Spotlight on Spanish

- Small Group Differentiated Instruction
- Emphasis on **Conversations**
- Creative Writing
- Read Alouds
- **Thematic units, songs and games**
- Diversity celebration “Viajando alrededor del mundo” is back



Highlight - Viajando por el Mundo



On Friday, April 28th, as part of Spanish Class and with the collaboration of the PTO and the Portola Valley School Foundation, Ormondale participated in "Viajando por el mundo", (traveling around the world), a LIVELY school-wide multicultural festival celebrating the diversity of our community!

Parents and staff volunteers showcased 16 different countries that represent our community:- Iran, Taiwan, El Salvador, Guatemala, The Philippines, South Africa, Greece, China, Spain, Sweden, Chile, Mexico, India, Panama, Israel and Australia.

Library



Classes visit the library 30 minutes each week for story time and book check out

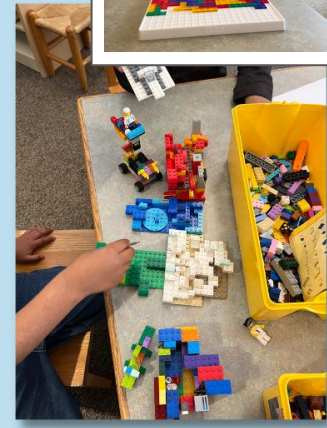
- weekly stories include both fiction and nonfiction, cover a range of topics related to curriculum and holidays, and offer diverse perspectives
- lessons about parts of a book and genres
- introduction to parts of the library

→ Books loaned to classrooms to supplement curriculum and research projects

→ Junior Librarian program offers 3rd graders the chance to help in the library with improvement projects, organizing shelves, and acting as a role model for all students visiting the library

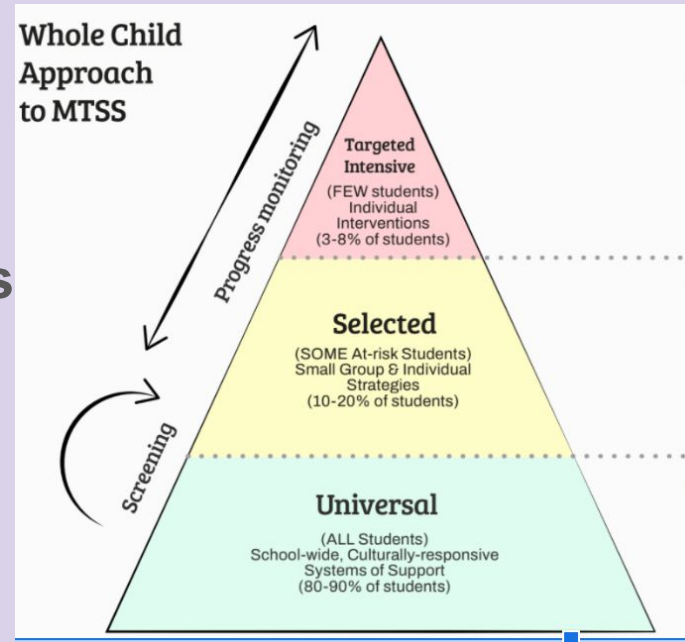
→ Open before school, at snack and lunch recess for reading, puzzles and games, or coloring

→ Space for small weekly reading groups and 1-on-1 academic help



Support Services

- Multi-Tiered System of Support
- Reading support groups K-3
- Reading Recovery/Phonics Intensive
- Soliday System
- English Language Development Groups
- Grade level rotating push-in support from specialist teachers and paraprofessionals
- MTSS & SST meetings



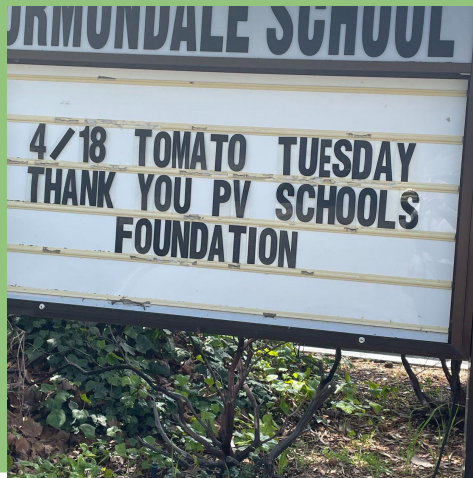
Reading Support w/Ahlbach & Shoemaker

- Small Group Instruction, 4-5x week
- Groups of 4 learners max., fluid roster
- 30-40 min. Instruction, each lesson
- Some 1:1 intensive instruction, fluid roster
- Phonics (rules and spelling principles)
- *Pioneer Valley Books* (decodables)
- *Magic Spark Literacy*
- *Words Their Way*
- Whole Phonics, workbook and games
- *A Fresh Look at Phonics*, phonemic awareness, poetry



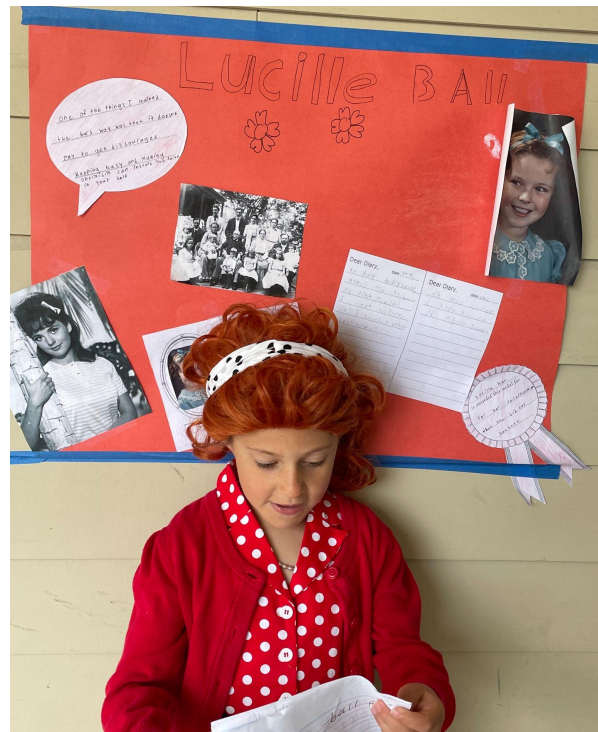
Garden “Thyme” with Mrs. Coffee

- Continued weekly visits with our 2nd grade gardeners
- Extended Learning Opportunities grant has funded monthly visits with all other grade levels



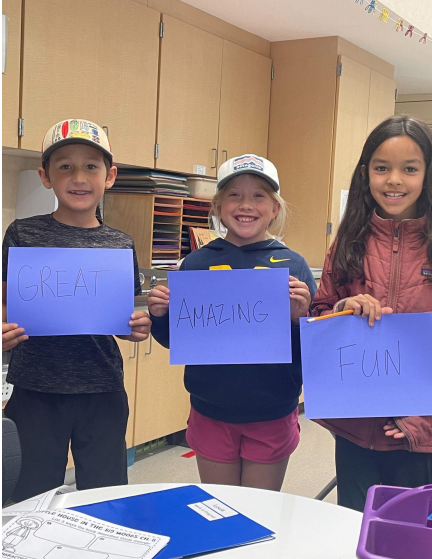
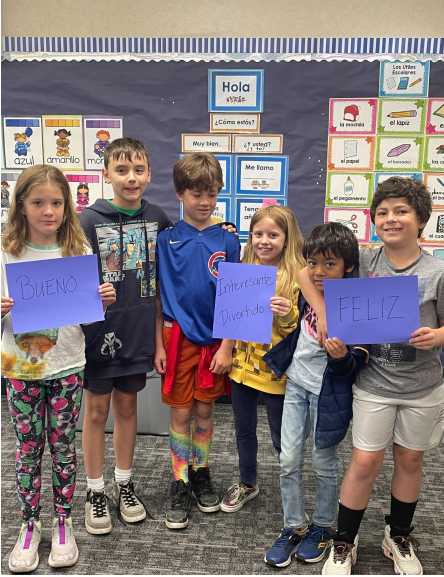
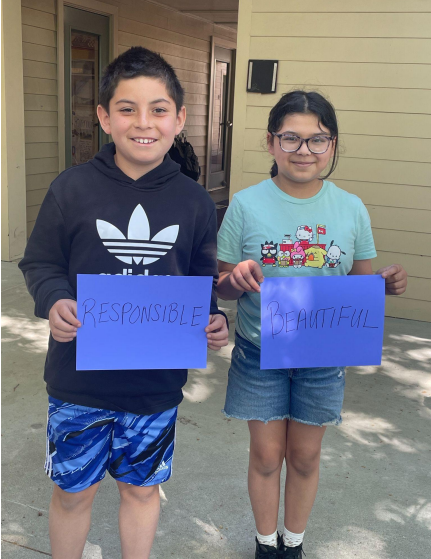
Our Happy California Distinguished School







3rd Graders Think Ormondale is...



Upcoming Events: Mark those calendars!

Wednesday, May 24 - Ormondale's Musical: *Moana*

Friday, June 2 - Ormondale Farmer's Market Bazaar and Art Show

Wednesday, June 14 - Field Day

Friday, June 16 - Third Grade Drive Out Community Celebration

