

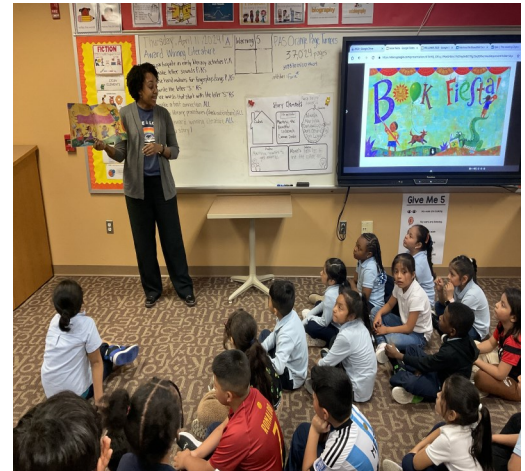
A Celebration of Reading

April 2024

Phonemic Awareness Development

The Orange Public Schools is committed to improving the reading ability of all students. Our Superintendent, Gerald Fitzhugh II, Ed.D., along with the support of the Humanities Department has worked to provide quality professional development to all literacy teachers throughout the district to include a focus on helping students become better readers. Our students have been engaged in phonemic awareness activities through implementation of Heggerty and Houghton Mifflin Harcourt curricular resources. They are also engaged in small group instruction daily to further address their reading needs. The Park Avenue School community has been working extremely hard to ensure our students become skilled readers, who can read fluently with good comprehension. Today was an exciting day for our students because they participated in a book party, where they were able to receive a set of decodable readers

as a take-home pack to practice the phonemic awareness skills they are working on at school. Our district has purchased decodable readers for all students in grades K-2 and are looking forward to seeing how our students improve in the area of reading.



UPCOMING EVENTS!

Principal's Chat & Chew
04/17

Family Game Night
04/18

Autism Acceptance Night
04/25

Decodables & Donuts
TBD

All About our Just Right Readers

Our Just Right Readers are personalized for each student to extend phonics instruction into the home. Students will receive their personalized set of decodable readers every two weeks. Books are identified based on student performance on Acadience, which is our early reading readiness assessment. Progress monitoring is done every two weeks, which allows Just Right Reader Decodable to choose the appropriate readers for each individual student.



Just Right Reader

Just Right Reader Spotlight



Science of Reading decodables personalized for each student based on district reading assessment data



Writing pages strengthen the reading-writing connection



QR code on backpacks links to a custom district video for family connection

Backpacks for students to take their reading everywhere



Available in English & Spanish!

Research-based activities reinforce skills and motivate students to keep reading



Video phonics lessons reinforce phonics skills in English and Spanish

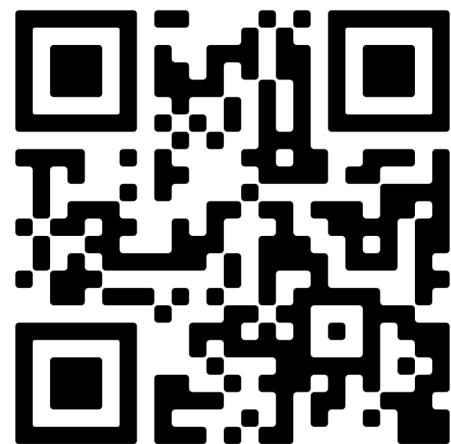


Specially wrapped with each student's name

"There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all."
- **Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis**

Tips for Parents

1. Scan the QR code to learn more about our Just Right Readers.
2. Before your child reads their decodable, scan the QR code on the book to learn more about the skill that is being addressed and how you can further support them at home.
3. Have your child read each book at least 5 times to reinforce the skill that is being practiced.
4. Students should not share their books with other students because they have been selected based on their individual reading needs.
5. Be sure to have your child bring in their Just Right Reader backpack each Thursday, so they can receive their new set of decodable readers.



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