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Branch Out and Read New Books Suggested by Classmates

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Are you looking for a book to read? Or if you are used to reading a book genre all the time and want to branch out of your comfort zone, read this article for suggestions from your peers! We hope you find a book that sounds interesting to you!

Kindergarten: Ashlyn Bourne from Ms. Corder's class suggests *Dandelion Magic* because it is hilarious. There is a magic dandelion that turns a boy into a pirate!

1st grade: Asmi Panati from Ms. Smith's class said she likes *Clark the Shark* and *Biscuit the Dog* books. She said Biscuit is very silly, and in kindergarten, she read *Clark the Shark* & loved it.

2nd grade: Kate Trimble from Ms. Cabaleiro's class suggests *Dork Diaries*. She likes how the diary of the girl is a book. Riley Trimble from Ms. Donaldson's class recommends *I Want My Hat Back*. He likes that his dad uses a different voice for each character.

3rd grade: Audrey MacNaughton from Ms. King's class suggests *The Land of Stories and Wonder*. "I feel like I was in the story."



4th grade: Paige Ainsley from Ms. Chaffee's class recommended *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. "It has some challenging words, and the chapters end on cliffhangers." Serena Bandyopadhyay from Ms. Greene's class suggested *All for Stars*. "I like to see that Gladys has to keep her secret of being a newspaper reporter from her parents." *Continued on page 4*

Get to Know Some of the New Teachers at OCE

by Lily Shih and Clara Waite

This year many new teachers came to Olive Chapel to teach. Some of these teachers are Ms. Garrison, Ms. Seyler, Ms. Brehm and Ms. Smith.

Ms. Garrison

Ms. Garrison has been teaching for 19 years. Before she came to Olive Chapel she taught at Northwoods Elementary. She taught first grade, second grade and fourth grade. The reasons she came to OCE are because she wanted to try year round school, and it was closer to her house. She became a teacher because she always loved kids even when she was younger. She loved seeing kids learn and grow. The thing that inspired her was that she had some really great teachers when she was a kid and she looked up to them. She also wanted to try something new. She now teaches 4th grade.

Ms. Brehm

Ms. Brehm has been teaching for three years. Before Olive Chapel she taught at Oak Grove Elementary. She came to OCE because it was close to her home and it was a very vibrant and fun school. She became a teacher because she wanted to make a difference and she works great with kids. She got inspired to be a teacher because her brother said that teaching was great so she tried it out. She now teaches third grade.

Ms. Smith

Ms. Smith has been teaching for 11 years, she has taught 1st grade, kindergarten and second grade. Before Olive Chapel, she taught at Herbert Akins. The reason why she switched to Olive Chapel is because it was closer to where she lived.

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The Stanley Craze Hits the Halls of Olive Chapel

By Mariella Orthober

Have you noticed lately that it seems like everyone has a Stanley tumbler? If you don't already know, a Stanley is a water tumbler that is extremely durable and stylish.

The Stanley brand was founded in 1913 by William Stanley Jr. and sold all steel water bottles. Stanley is known for its durability, look, and variety of styles. The Stanley cups come in many sizes, styles, and colors but beware of fakes because there are many other brands that make similar styles.

In the past year or so, the Stanley brand has become popular with all ages on social media websites like Instagram and TikTok. But you might be wondering, why did it become so popular?

Well, In November of 2023, a woman posted a video of her car that had been totaled by a fire but her Stanley cup was fine and still had the ice in it! This video led to the Stanley's popularity it has today. Despite this, many people put the so-called "Fire proof" cup to the test by sticking it in their grill or campfire. The results disappointed some people as the cup did not perform to their standards and they found that most of the plastic parts melted along with the ice.

Although the cup itself is great, one of the best parts of owning a Stanley are the accessories that you can add. A straw topper, one of the more common accessories, is a small cover you put over the straw of your Stanley to prevent it from leaking. These toppers come in thousands of styles ranging from animals to sayings to even people.



Another accessory is a charm that you can add to the handle of your Stanley, and while these are cute, they also make lots of noise when they bang against the bottle. Adding a name plate to the top of your Stanley is another popular way to decorate your Stanley and add a personalized touch. You can also add mini pouches, snack rings, and a carrying strap to make it easier to bring around.

Stanleys also have some unique qualities that set them apart, like how they can turn into a mug and how they are easy to clean. Despite the popularity, they are not for everyone as they tend to leak when they are full and the larger sizes can be too big and heavy making them hard to carry around. Personally I love Stanleys and I hope that you do too!

New Teachers continued



Garrison & Seyler

Brehm & Smith

She became a teacher because she wanted to help students and be a positive influence. A teacher that she had when she was in third grade inspired her to teach. She now teaches first grade.

Ms. Seyler

Ms. Seyler has been teaching for nine years and for eight of them she taught kindergarten. Before she came to OCE she was working at Reedy Creek Elementary. She switched schools because she heard wonderful things about OCE and she wanted to try year around school. She became a teacher because she's loved children since she was a babysitter and she loves seeing kids grow. She got inspired to teach by her high school teacher. She now teaches kindergarten.

Valentine's Day Traditions Across the World

by *Serena Bandyopadhyay*

February 14 is just a few weeks away, which means it's almost Valentine's Day. What do you think of when you hear someone say that? Do you think about love? Or maybe chocolate? One of the main parts of Valentine's Day is the traditions. But first, we need to know the background of Valentine's Day.

Valentine's Day is celebrated in the honor of Saint Valentine, who served as a priest in the third century, in Rome. The emperor at the time was making unfair rules. Valentine wasn't happy about that. He started performing secret marriages for young couples. When the emperor found out, he sentenced Valentine to death. There are rumors that Valentine died while trying to help the Christians escape Roman prisons, where they were tortured.

In Argentina, people would exchange flowers, chocolates, and hugs. This was celebrated in July, as the "week of sweetness," rather than in February.

It was rumored that the first Valentine's Day card was given in 1415 from the Duke of Orleans to his wife, from his prison cell.

In South Korea, Valentine's day is four days long... but the days are in different months! "The day of roses" is celebrated in May, "the day of kisses" is celebrated in June, "the day of hugs" is celebrated in December, and "the black day" is celebrated in April.



Find What You're Looking for in the Club Hub

by *Elizabeth Pruitt*

The Club Hub is where you can find clubs to sign up for at Olive Chapel. You can find all the information you need to find out how to get into the club. What kinds of clubs are there? I'll tell you!

Girls Who Code

"In the club you will do these robotics kits and it's sooooo much fun!" said Avery in 5th grade.

Drama Club

"In the drama club I will be playing a big part, which is Dorothy 5, and I will be playing at the end. It's exciting but I don't want to forget anything." said Lena in 5th grade.

Journalism Club

"I think it's a fun thing to do, because I like writing and publishing articles!" said Reyansh.

Chorus club!

"I love the chorus club because you sing and use teamwork to find the right pitches and vowels to use!" said another student.

Safety Patrol

"I like safety patrol because of helping and meeting new kids, and also because we get candy on Friday!" said Charlie Booker Hanks.

Landlubbers Club

"Landlubbers is running and it's very fun, but tiring!" said Riko from 5th grade.

Finally all of these clubs are really fun, so they made the Club Hub for you so you can find the right club for you!

Upcoming Spirit Days

Friday, February 2

Wear Red
for
Heart Health

Thursday, February 29

Leap Into the Future
Career Day

Branch Out and Read continued

5th grade: Chance Brockett from Ms. Sullivan's class recommended *Ali Cross*. He said, "It's full of mystery and action. I feel like I cannot stop reading it!" Olivia Weaver from Ms. Jones & Ms. McCarty's class suggests *Scander & the Unicorn Thief*. She says, "I feel like I can't stop reading it because it is so engaging and exciting."

By reading this article, we hope you find the perfect book for you to read. You can set personal reading goals no matter what grade you are in. Use this information to help you find a book you might enjoy reading!

And now that we have book suggestions from classmates, here are 21 reasons why reading is awesome!

Reading:

1. Expands your vocabulary
2. Reduces stress
3. Exercises your brain
4. Gives entertainment (to some)
5. Inspires success
6. Longer lifespan
7. Improves your knowledge
8. Improves your empathy
9. Improves your memory
10. Improves your relationships
11. Improves your writing skills
12. Improves your focus and concentration
13. Improves your literacy
14. Improves your analytical thinking skills
15. Improves your leadership
16. Improves your creativity
17. Improves your communication skills
18. Improves your sleep
19. Improves your happiness
20. Improves your empathy
21. Improves your brain development

