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## Principal's Corner

Dear OSSES Family Members,

The 3rd Annual Winter Concert was on Thursday, December 15th,. The event was held at The Orlando Repertory Theater. Thank you to Ms. Parrella for organizing the wonderful event.

Report cards go home today. Please be sure to return your AOR no later than Friday, January 6th.

On behalf of everyone at OSSES, have a safe and restful holiday break. We look forward to seeing your student after the New Year on Wednesday, January 4th, 2017.

Sincerely,  
Michael Singleton  
Principal

## STEM Fair!

STEM- Important Dates!

Your student's STEM fair project should be underway! The first and second experiment should be completed by January 6th. A graph should be created to show the data collected during these two trials. More information and resources for graphing can be found at [http://www.sciencebuddies.org/science-fair-projects/project\\_data\\_analysis.shtml](http://www.sciencebuddies.org/science-fair-projects/project_data_analysis.shtml).

On January 6, students should also have a binder ready to turn in. This link, [http://www.sciencebuddies.org/science-fair-projects/project\\_final\\_report.shtml](http://www.sciencebuddies.org/science-fair-projects/project_final_report.shtml), should help students know what should be in the binder thus far.

If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Knight at [rachel.knight@orlandoscience.org](mailto:rachel.knight@orlandoscience.org)

Thank you to the volunteers that helped create the "snowballs" for Kindergarten Snowed In Day!



We had an exciting week in Kindergarten! Everyone had a blast celebrating Snowed In Day today. Students read the story Polar Express and then watched the movie. They



were able to compare and contrast the two. Students also enjoyed pancakes and hot chocolate. As an extra surprise

## Kindergarten

students had a "snowball" fight and even got to throw some snowballs at the teachers! The next AR Window opens on December 17th and will be open until January 25th. Winter break is a great time to catch up on AR quizzes. Just a reminder your child will need 4 points to attend the next celebration in January. We hope everyone has a fantastic winter break and we will see everyone back at school on Wednesday, January 4th.

## 1st Grade

In all of first grade we studied holiday's around the world! We studied the stories, customs, and traditions of Italy, Mexico, the Netherlands, Israel, England, Germany, Australia, the U.S., and Canada. The students had a

great time reading various stories from other cultures and creating lots of crafts, including poinsettias painted with shaving cream, clogs, koalas, and reindeer! We also located each country on the map and got our passports stamped in each country! In math we played many fun winter board

games to help us study our addition and subtraction facts.

We also celebrated AR this Friday by having a Snowed-In Day! We wore our pajamas to school and celebrated all of our hard work this semester!



This week second grade re-searched holidays around the world! Monday through Thursday, students rotated classrooms for the first half of the day and learned about differ-

ent holidays in each classroom they visited. Students learned about Las Posadas, Hanukkah, Ramadan, Diwali, Kwanzaa, Christmas, and Eid al-Fitr. On Thursday, students who met their AR goal had an ice

## 2nd Grade

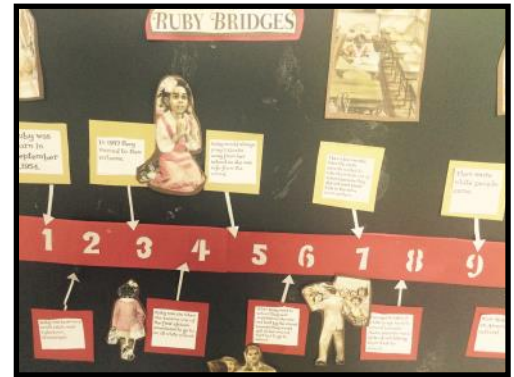
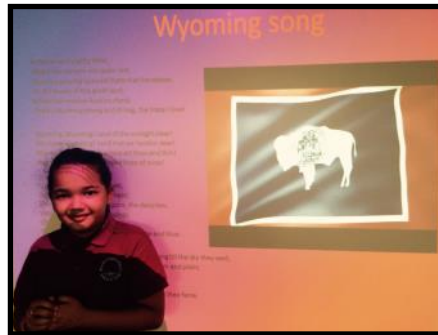
cream party! Thank you to all of the parents who donated and helped make this AR celebration a success! On Friday, students enjoyed a special snow themed day. Students pretended they were "snowed in" and wore their pajamas to school. Each class participated in different STEM activities, and some classes even had a snow ball fight!



# 3rd Grade

The classes each enjoyed fun, educational activities such as: watching the classic, *The Grinch*, making gingerbread houses, participating in holiday gift exchanges, and experiencing EPCOT on an incredible field trip! On Tuesday, Dec. 13th- the kids showed off their state projects at the Great Travel Fair. They learned the value of money and what the imports/exports of their chosen state were in the USA! Many classes were able to purchase items: some hand-made (brownies, bookmarks), some bought (treasure chests, bracelets), and some a combination of both (necklaces, pet rocks).

Very special THANK YOU to the parents who volunteered in any way to make this last week of 2016 memorable. \*To the



parents who help from home, to bring their child to OSES (far drive for many) YOU are greatly appreciated!



We expect the kids to return to the New Year with a fresh outlook on learning, sharpened pencils and positive behavior. With FSA right around the corner, take the opportunity to re-visit some Study Island lessons, become fluent in Math skills, and read, read, read to meet your AR goal!



# 4th Grade

The fourth grade has spent the beginning of the week working hard on several different benchmark assessments. They also did a mini unit in reading about Christmas Around the World. Students learned how people in places such as Japan, South Africa, Ireland and Australia spend the holiday season.

Thank you to all families who donated items for our Winter STEM Day as well as classroom treats for our various holiday celebrations. The students as well as the teachers really appreciate it!

Our next field trip will be to Gatorland on Friday, January 27th. The price for students is \$17. Permission slips have been distributed to each student and forms along with student fees are due by Friday, January 6th. If you have any additional questions please contact your child's teacher directly.



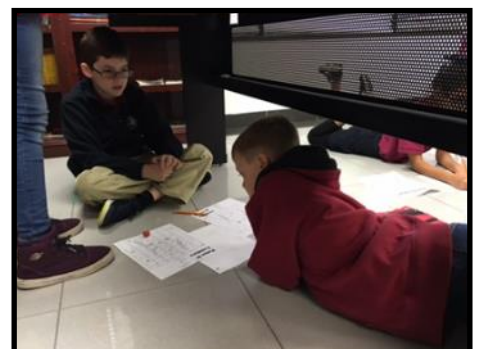
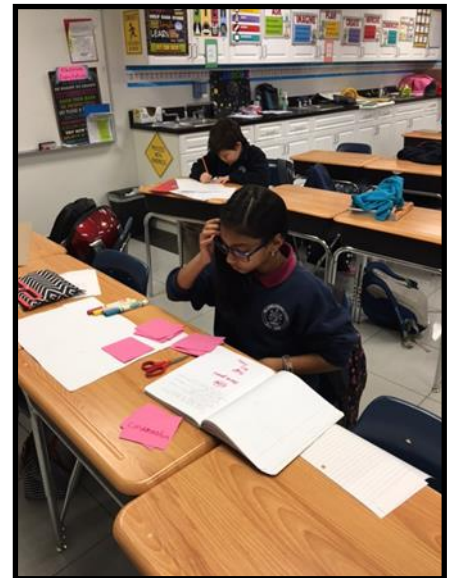
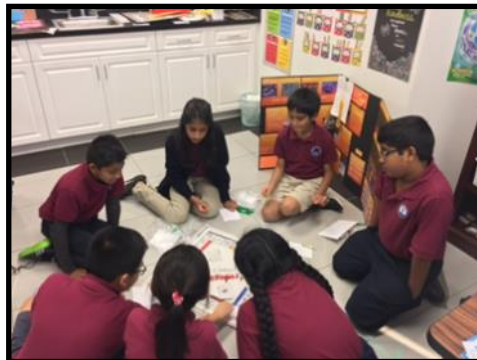
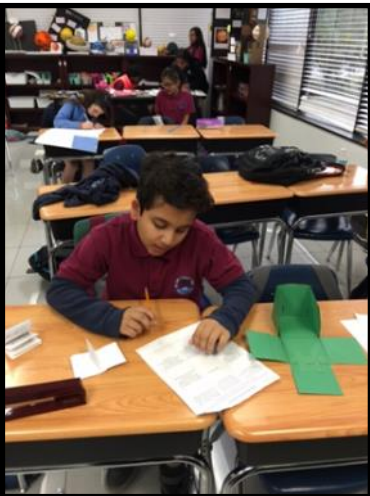


The students in 5th grade have been enthusiastic about creating amazing decimal and water cycle projects in class. They were able to show what they know and play together while learning.

Students were given choices of activities to complete including: games, songs, poems, stories, and a free choice. The students really went over and beyond on their projects and it showed. As the student created their projects they strengthened their

## 5th Grade

skills in adding subtracting, multiplying and dividing decimals and understanding the water cycle and new vocabulary.



# Specials: Computers

Kindergarten students have learnt a lot in the first two quarter. This week, they kept continue working on improving their mouse skills.

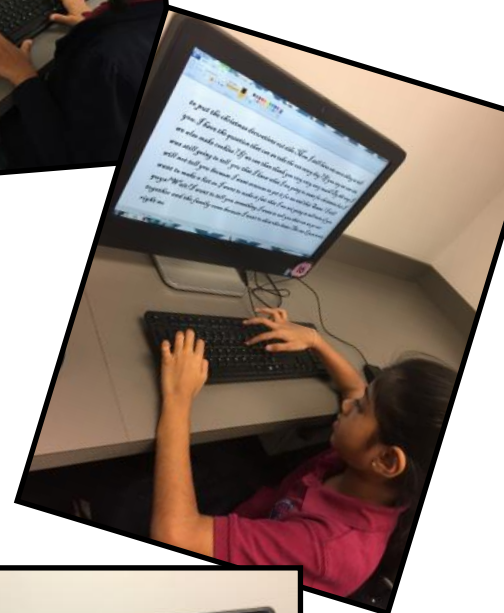
All of them did a fantastic job !

1st grade students had fun on MS Paint this week. They drew a snowman by following the instructions.

2nd grade students wrote a holiday letter to present their lovely ones.

3rd, 4th and 5th graders started a "All About Me" project two weeks ago and they have completed their projects this week.

Happy holidays to everybody!





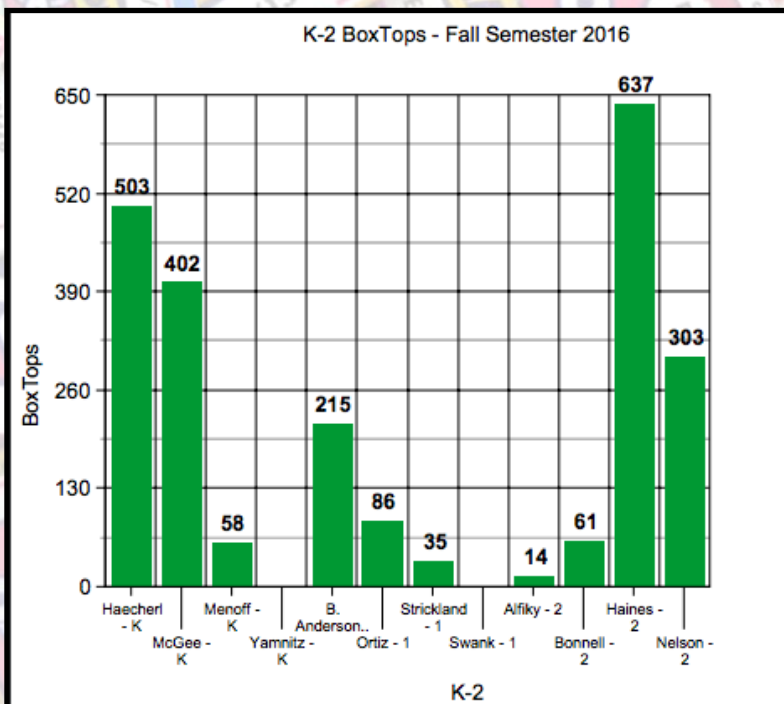
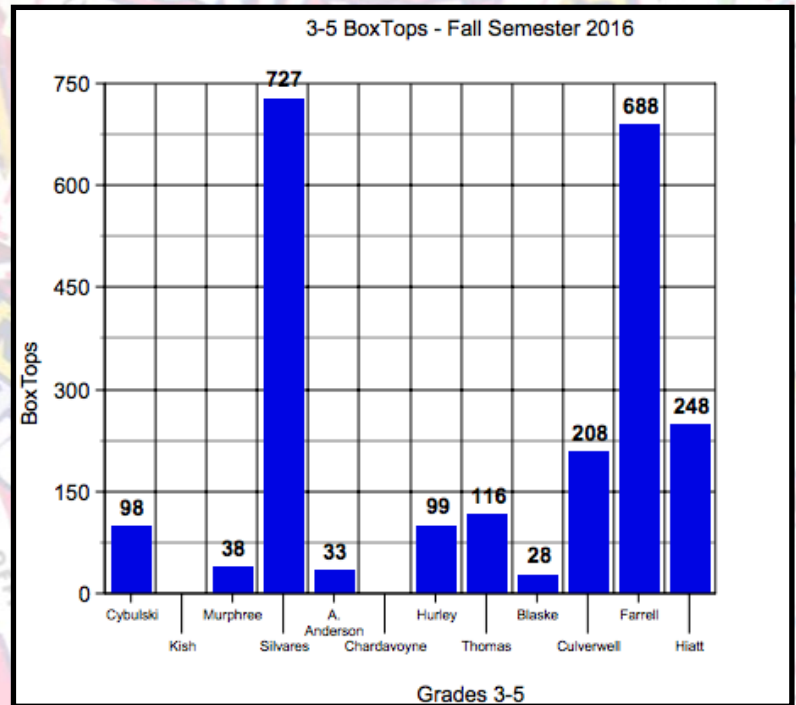




# BoxTops Results!!

Congratulations to our BoxTops winners!

**3-5:**  
**Ms. Silvares' Class**



**K-2:**  
**Ms. Haines' Class**



## *Florida State Assessments Parent Information Night*

This parent night will focus on details and what to expect for the upcoming Florida Standards Assessment (FSA).

There will be a comprehensive presentation about the FSA Test and test taking strategies.

What: FSA Parent Night Presentation

When: Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Where: OSES Cafeteria

Who: Parents of 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

Any 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade student, whose parent or guardian is in attendance, will receive two dress-down coupons on Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>.

Please use the following line to register for the event:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/orlando-science-elementary-school-fsa-parent-night-tickets-30044283260>





# ***II STEM ART CONTEST EXHIBIT***

***Orlando Science Elementary School***



***January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017***

***6:00 pm to 7:00 pm***



***Come and enjoy drinks, cookies and ART!***

# Yearbook Pictures!

## How to Submit pictures to be featured in the Yearbook!

Hello!

This year, submitting pictures to be considered for the yearbook is really easy.

1. Go to <http://www.hjeshare.com/eShare/Index.jsp> or search for HJ ESHARE in the app store (Apple and Android).
2. School Code: OSES2017 (case sensitive!)
3. Fill out the acknowledgement information.
4. Submit up to 10 pictures at a time. Once uploaded, you will be asked for the grade level of the student(s) in the picture. If it was a multi-grade event, such as Grandparents Night, just put K-2, 3-5, etc. If it is a single grade level, just put the number (1st grade = 1). It will also ask for the names of students and a brief description. If it is a class picture, you put "\_\_\_\_\_'s Class" or "Grade Level." All fields must have something.

That's it! The deadline to submit pictures will be sometime in March. But please do not wait until the last minute, as I'd like to work on the book throughout the year.



# Pizza Day!

Pizza Day is back!

**When:** Every Tuesday

**Options:** 1 Slice: \$2

Combo #1: 1 Slice and 1 Drink - \$3

Combo #2: 2 Slices and 1 Drink - \$5

**Payment:** All Pizza money will be collected by your student's classroom teacher on the Monday before Pizza Day.

CASH ONLY will be accepted. Pizza Day money is separate from regular lunch money and cannot be transferred. Please send exact payment with your student in a labeled envelope for their teacher.

***\*\*Pizza money turned in after Monday at 2:00 PM will not be accepted.\*\****

Pizzas are ordered from Papa John's. All slices of pizza are cheese only.

