



"Committed to academic excellence and the education of the whole child"

OUR MISSION FOR EVERY CHILD

The mission of Oasis Preparatory Academy is to work in partnership with the family and community, with the aim of helping each child reach their full potential in all areas of life. We seek to educate the whole child with the understanding that each person must achieve a balance of intellectual, emotional, physical, spiritual and social skills as a foundation for life.

From Coach Abercrombie

I want you all to have a great summer and continue to stay active. Here are some tips while you are on vacation. <http://www.active.com/parenting-and-family/articles/15-ways-to-keep-your-kids-active-this-summer?>

- Sign your child up for local recreational or sports programs. Churches, community centers and schools usually host events throughout the summer. Let your child choose what interests them. They may even try something new.
- Have your child meet you at the park after work each day for a few rounds of basketball.
- Get a pass to the local public swimming pool. Take swimming lessons. Encourage your children to head up to the pool by mid-morning to avoid the heat and the crowds.
- Do a home improvement project together. You and your kids can paint a bedroom wall, repurpose old furniture or plant a garden.
- Tour the area museums. Forbes.com featured the top 12 best children's museums in the U.S. Plan a day trip (or longer) to some of them this summer. Most museums offer a free admission time, such as Wednesday nights or the first Friday of every month.

From Ms. Polly

It has been my honor to serve each and every one of you this school year. I will miss my hugs and happy faces. Don't forget to READ, READ, READ. Reading is the key. Remember to continue to eat healthy as if Ms. Polly is still cooking for you. Parents, here are a few tips from Kids Health. <http://kidshealth.org/en/parents/eating-tips.html>

1. Start them young. Food preferences are developed early in life, so offer variety. Likes and dislikes begin forming even when kids are babies. You may need to serve a new food a few different times for a child to accept it. Don't force a child to eat, but offer a few bites. With older kids, ask them to try one bite.

From The Principal

Dear Oasis Preparatory Parent and/or Guardian;

I want to take a moment to thank you for entrusting your children to our Oasis Faculty and Staff. It has been my honor and my privilege to serve your family. I have never seen a more loving and more wonderful group of young people. I know that if the community continues to pour into these little souls that they will thrive. They have such vivid imaginations and active minds. It is fun to watch them learn and explore the world around them.

I hope that you will continue to allow Oasis to serve your family. Although there are times when my job may be tough and I have to make difficult decisions, there is never a day where I second guess my career choice. I love working with children and seeing their smiles is the highlight of any day. It is impossible to have a bad day when surrounded by the joy of a child.

Thank you for loving your children and being good parents. Thank you for thinking enough of the Oasis Faculty and Staff to entrust us with your most precious gift(s). I see bright futures ahead for these wide-eyed and curious children. Continue to foster their young minds, as they continue to be inquisitive.

I hope you all have a wonderful and restful summer. I look forward to seeing many of these bright young faces return to us in the fall. Oasis plans to add 6th grade next year and we plan to continue to thrive as we focus on fostering healthy and active young scholars.

In Education,

Mrs. Tiffany Ward
Principal, Oasis Preparatory

2. Rewrite the kids' menu. Who says kids only want to eat hot dogs, pizza, burgers, and macaroni and cheese? When eating out, let your kids try new foods and they might surprise you with their willingness to experiment. You can start by letting them try a little of whatever you ordered or ordering an appetizer for them to try.

3. Put sweets in their place. Occasional sweets are fine, but don't turn dessert into the main reason for eating dinner. When dessert is the prize for eating dinner, kids naturally place more value on the cupcake than the broccoli. Try to stay neutral about foods.

Kindergarten/1st – Mrs. Morales and Ms. Munoz

We would like to thank you all for your support throughout this school year. It has been an amazing time. Students have worked very hard and have shown great progress. We hope that learning continues throughout the summer and we ask that you please encourage your child to continue reading at home. Remember to visit the public library with your child and take advantage of the various summer programs and activities they offer at no cost. We wish you a great summer and hope to see you in August!

2nd/3rd Grade – Mrs. Benjamin

I cannot believe that the end of the school year is here. It has been a great year that has been filled with many great experiences. We've covered a lot of material and had the opportunity to participate in many fun projects. We were fortunate enough to go to the Orlando Science Center, and the Rollins College Art Museum.

As your child gets ready for the next grade level this summer, they can rest assure that it will be a wonderful upcoming school year. They can look forward to meeting new friends and reconnecting with old ones, reading more challenging material, and developing stronger math skills.

As your child moves from 2nd and 3rd grade or from 3rd to 4th, there are some very important things that you can do this summer to help them succeed. Take the time to listen to your child read and make sure that they are reading each night for at least 15 minutes. Practice their math facts so that they will be ready for 3rd grade math. Encourage your child to write often. If you go on vacation this summer, then encourage your child to take a journal with them and write a little bit about their trip each day. This is a great way for a child to get their thoughts organized onto paper. Encourage good social skills and help them make healthy food choices and order for themselves if you go out to eat. All of these things will help your child lead to big successes the next school year.

It has been my pleasure getting to know your child this school year. I would like to personally thank each and every one of the parents, grandparents, and other family members who have taken the time to support the efforts of school.

Thanks again for a wonderful year. Have a fantastic summer.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Benjamin

2nd/3rd Grade – Mrs. Davenport

From Me to My Phenomenal Class:

Great Expectations

*It's time to say, "Good-bye."
Our year has come to an end.
I've made more cherished memories
And many more new friends.
I've watched your children learn and grow
And change from day to day.
I hope that all the things we've done
Have helped in some small way.
So it's with happy memories
I send them out the door,
With great hope and expectations
For what next year holds in store.*

by Maria Cuellar-Munson

3rd/4th Grade -- Ms. Graham

A Farewell Letter to my Students: WOW!

What else is there to say?! This 2016-17 school year has been very challenging on all of us: the students, the parents, and the staff. While many changes went on this year, I feel that my class has been resilient, brave, intelligent, and has kept their unique sense of personality and style through it all!

At first, I was both reluctant and upset to lose my fourth and fifth grade homeroom for mostly third graders (with some fourth grade speckled through of course). I was scared that I wouldn't be able to reach the third grade students. This was a grade I had never taught before and a grade I didn't have a lot of interest in teaching. However, time and life are fickle things...

I never imagined I would fall in love so hard with this class the way I did. They are clever and silly and a whirlwind of excitement and differing world views. The third graders in this class worked harder than anyone in the school and continue to do so in these last days together. The fourth graders have pushed themselves to be academically competitive against each other in an attempt to reach higher scores and personal goals.

Our class has achieved a lot together: planting a garden, creating items for display at our Museum Walk, preparing for Founder's Day, reading/watching Hoot, completing a female pirate study (remember Anne Bonney, guys?), creating and measuring popsicle stick angles, folding symmetry letters, finding Ralph the turtle, and so much more. I hope that you continue to use your creativity and imagination in your class(es) next year.

In three weeks' time, I will be relocating to Bound Brook, New Jersey. While I will miss you all terribly and was hoping to teach you all again next year, I know that you will all go on to do great and unimaginable things! Remember this, if nothing else: you are not defined by a test score, a uniform, a missing homework assignment, or even a teacher... you are defined by the choices you make and the person you become. Become the best, you already are!

Love always,
-Ms. Graham (Ms. Grammy, Ms. Grandma, Ms. Graham-cracker)

4th/5th Grade – Mrs. Griffin

Dear Parents,

I give you back your children. The same children you confidently entrusted to my care last fall. I give them back pounds heavier, inches taller, months wiser, more responsible, and more mature than they were then. Although they would have attained their growth in spite of me, it has been my pleasure and privilege to watch their personality unfold day by day. I give them back reluctantly, for having spent nine months together in the narrow confines of a crowded classroom, we have grown close, have become a part of each other, and we shall always retain a little of each other.

Ten years from now, if your child and I should meet on the street, a light will shine through our eyes, a smile to our faces, and we shall feel the bond of understanding once more, this bond we feel today.

We have lived, loved, laughed, played, studied, learned, and enriched our lives together this year. I wish it could go on indefinitely, but give them back I must. Take care of them, for they are precious.

Remember that I shall always be interested in your child and their destiny. Their joys and sorrows I'll always be happy to share. Wherever they may go, whatever they may do, or whoever they become I will still be praying and cheering them on to greatness.

Love Always,
Mrs. Griffin