October has been very busy here at ORH. Students and teachers are well under way with their routines and we’ve had some wonderful assemblies and fun events! We hope you enjoy reading about what we’ve been up to!

~Mrs. Rienzo
Editor

In 4th Grade...

Fourth graders have been brushing up on their Map Skills in Social Studies, ecosystems in Science, and number patterns in Math. The students are also having fun working with our new Reflex Math program. We also completed our Haunted House writing with some creepy Haunted Houses for sale!

From our 1st grade...

To get in the Halloween spirit, students in Room 21 participated in a "Write the Room" activity. First graders searched all around the room to find words related to Halloween and recorded them on their answer sheet. All of the students said they had a lot of fun!
In 2nd grade...

Our 2nd grade field trip to Von Thun’s farm was awesome. First, we went on a hayride. We learned about the different crops that grow on the farm. The hayride took us to the pumpkin patch. There were pumpkins everywhere, and we got to pick one for ourselves! Next, we visited the animals that live on the farm. The donkey was our favorite. After that, we went through the corn maze. We got to read the story of Spookley, The Square Pumpkin along the way. We ended the day by enjoying lunch on the farm with our friends. We all agree, it was a great day!

From 3rd grade...

Mrs. Rienzo and Mrs. Massimino’s classes joined forces to “roll” Halloween Stories! Students rolled a die and their story characters, setting, and conflict was chosen for them! We had a great time and are becoming wonderful writers!

In Kindergarten News..

Mrs. Forvour’s kindergarteners are excited to learn all of the math games from the Everyday Mathematics curriculum. They’re also practicing being bucket fillers by taking turns and being good sports.

Student Council News

The Oak Ridge Student Council raised awareness this month for Socktober. Even a small act of kindness and love such as donating a pair of socks can make a difference in the lives of our neighbors who are homeless. We are proud to announce that the students, staff, and families have collected over 200 pairs of new socks that were donated this month. The overwhelming amount of generosity is much appreciated.
In 5th grade...

Students from Mrs. Wright’s class wrote some wonderful Halloween stories! Check them out on the next few pages!

More from Kindergarten...

Mrs. Lopes’ class had a great time on their trip to the Henry Inman Library!

Colonia Fire Dept.

Thank you to Colonia FD for teaching us about Fire Safety!

Grand Falloons

It’s always fun learning with the Grand Falloons!

Kindergarten Paleontologists at Watchung Trailside Center
Halloween is right around the corner and everyone is finding a costume, but poor you, you don’t have one. You want something amazing, something that shocks or catches the eye. However, you don’t want to wait in all of those long lines at Party City or Target just to get one! That’s why I am going to teach you how to make a wonderful looking box of squishies as a costume.

The materials you will need to win a costume contest will be a box, squishies, hot glue gun, scissors, strings, an old headband, paper, wires, and wrapping paper. The box is for your base (the box) and the wrapping paper is for the inside and outside of the box. The strings are to go on the box as straps. Scissors, obviously for cutting, and you can’t forget the glue! We are not using just any glue, we are using hot glue so please have an adult with you. You need an old headband, paper, and wires to make a confetti headband.

Now you are all set to begin making the most amazing costume EVER! First, you have to find one of mom’s amazon boxes. Make sure you warm up your glue gun too by plugging it in before you start. Also, buy wrapping paper, string, a headband, and wires from a local craft store such as Hobby Lobby, and Michaels. You may also find them in a local pharmacy. Next, you will start to make the costume. Grab your scissors and cut out the bottom of your box. After that, take your wrapping paper and glue it to the inside and outside of your box. Make sure to cover your box completely. Right after it dries, start to glue the squishes onto the box.

While that is drying, you can make confetti with your paper. All you need is the headband, wires, and colorful paper. Take the headband and hot glue the wires to the headband. Then cut the paper into little confetti pieces. Then glue as many as you like to the wires, but make sure you save some for later. At this point everything should be dry, so now you can take the box and put some of the leftover confetti pieces in to the box. Glue the strings to the box so you can slip your arms through and now your costume is complete.

Now you have a wonderful homemade costume and you look great! I bet you all your friends will ask you where you got it, and you can just say you made it yourself. It was a DIY Project! You should be proud that you made something so beautiful and you spent less than $50. Other costumes could be about $100, and that is just insane! Now enter your cool costume in a contest, or go out trick-or-treating with your friends. Happy Halloween!
How to carve a jack-o-lantern

Do you know how to carve a jack-o-lantern? What you need to carve a jack-o-lantern is an orange pumpkin that is clean. You can pick out a big or small one. You have to make sure your pumpkin is not dented or broken. When you find a pumpkin you like, take it home and get ready for the fun to begin. You can get a pumpkin from any pumpkin patch. You can get your supplies from Target, Walmart, or Shoprite. You will need a spoon, some gloves, a knife and a sharpie marker.

Begin by cutting the top off. Take the seeds and guts and throw them in the garbage. Make sure to get a picture of what you want to draw on the pumpkin. Then get a sharpie to draw what you want to carve into the pumpkin. Take the knife out for carving, but make sure an adult is helping you. Now start carving!

When you carve a jack-o-lantern, it has to have two eyes, a mouth, and a nose. You could make it look scary, happy, sad, or mad. While carving, it may smell very bad. You could also put out an air freshener if you don’t enjoy the scent of fresh pumpkin. I like to use pumpkin spice air freshener so it still smells like pumpkin, only fresher.

Once you are done carving, you can put a candle or a light bulb inside to light it up. I’d rather use an electric tea light than a candle because a candle might burn the insides of the pumpkin. If you don’t have one at home, you can get one from CVS or Walgreens. You could get a blinking light or a regular one. After you choose a light, you need to put the light inside the pumpkin and put the top back on. You should clean up your work space and your pumpkin before putting it outside on your front porch. Lastly, you should show and tell everyone about your fun and cool creation. You will always know how to carve a jack-o-lantern now, as long as you remember these simple easy steps. Hope you had fun making your very own jack-o-lantern!
How to Catch a Vampire

Do you consider yourself brave? If you do, then this is the “how to” for you! This is a step by step survival guide on how to catch a vampire! It’s highly recommended to bring in a vampire on Halloween to scare your friends! You just need to live in the right neighborhood, and have a lot of wits about you to do this successfully.

The materials that you need are very simple: You need a scary house, garlic, a big mouse trap, meat, a metal cage (big enough for a vampire to fit in), rope, and bravery. **Warning:** You will experience scary stuff, and nightmares are expected. Try to look brave and look like you know what you’re doing even if you don’t.

The first thing you need to do is try to find a scary house and go to the basement. Go in the daytime and set up the trap. First, you take the cage and put the big mouse trap in the cage. Then, put a piece of meat onto the mousetrap, and tie a piece of rope from the cage to the door. Hide the garlic in the cage where he won’t see it. When the vampire takes the bait and enters the cage, he’ll be trapped.

Come back the next day and hopefully you’ll find a vampire inside. Throw more garlic in the cage to weaken him even more so you can get even closer to him. Congratulations! You can show your friends, family, and even your teachers. Though I doubt anybody will enjoy it. If you don’t want the vampire anymore, then come back the next day and return the cage to the basement. Then, in the day open the cage while he’s asleep. Keep the windows open so the vampire won’t attack you, and will sneak out at night. Even if he escapes at least you’ll have a story to tell! Happy Vampireween!
The food of fright- Scary Soup

Halloween is coming soon spirits! Do you know what that means? It means Halloween parties! If you vampires and ghouls want to make your party even better, try this blood curdling recipe for Scary soup. This recipe made by the undead gourmet chefs who work at Roadkill Cafe. is a top secret recipe ladies and gents, and I'm telling it to you today, so don't tell a soul, dead or alive.

Start by getting these spine chilling ingredients. First, you will need a knife. I promise you won't have to kill anyone! Chop up thirty-seven mice tails. Take a brewing pot, fill it with water, put it under a fire, and dump in the mice tails. Pour in werewolf snot and a witch cackle. Slice up a devil horn and add to the bubbling brew. Shred up a dragon scale and add a little bit of it to the mixture.

Now you have to take some sugar, spice, and everything not nice then add them to the frightening food. Here is the hard part. This is a soup, right? So you are probably thinking you need your average ingredients for soup: carrots, peas, chicken, noodles, and maybe some potatoes, but that's where you're wrong. This is scary soup. It's going to be squeamish. And you thought the ingredients were already spooky enough? Unless you add the following items, the soup will be mostly broth. No one wants to just eat some boring broth!

Here is how to spookify your basic, ordinary carrots, peas, chicken, noodles, and potatoes. Instead of carrots, toss in cockroaches. Rather than peas, add pumpkin. An alternative for chicken would be to add nail clippings. In place of noodles, add worms. They are both squiggly slimy things. Lastly, as a substitute for potatoes, add nothing. There will be plenty of freaky foods in your soup.

Humans, if you try to make scary soup, don’t eat it. It’s too bloodcurdling for your brittle, weak, bodies. However, if you are a witch, zombie, skeleton, spider, bat, ghoul, werewolf, or a devil, this soup is for you! Eat it for any occasion, like your birthday, Halloween, and Dios De La Muertos. Remember, scary soup will make will make you scream on Halloween!