



JAGUAR'S ROAR



HI OJA FAMILIES!

We had a great first week with your kids, and we can't wait to continue learning with them! We would like to share some of the exciting things that our students did this week.

Our middle school students have been really busy with things like a neat project involving marbling hats, interacting with Dr. Maynard and the Florida Hospital Innovation Lab, and beginning lessons in academic classes. The middle school teachers have been working hard to facilitate engaging learning experiences for our students. See some of their pictures below to see what they've been up to this week!

Our elementary students have been participating in team building activities, setting learning goals, and reviewing and practicing classroom procedures and expectations. Some classes have been learning about the fruits of the spirit, discovering European flags,

exploring the garden, and applying memory verses. Our teachers have been delighted to see so many enthusiastic and bright students who can't wait to learn!

Pastor Greg came on Friday to lead our Pre-K through 8th grade students in a school-wide worship service. It was such a blessing to see our kids clapping and sing their praises to the Lord! Pastor Greg reminded





us how each of us are needed in the body of Christ for us to function as a whole. We ask that you continue to pray for our students and staff at OJA—that we may all partner together to use our gifts for God’s glory.

As we move into another week, we encourage you to read the following information and reminders to help you plan.

- We are thrilled to explore the scientific phenomenon of a Solar Eclipse on Monday, August 21st with our students. The partial solar eclipse will begin at 1:26 p.m. and last until 4:20 p.m. with a maximum coverage being reached at 2:51pm. We will provide special eye protection for all students so they can see this amazing event in a safe manner. Many classes are planning to view the Solar Eclipse in short segments, and we encourage anyone who is out and about to use protective eye wear. We urge you to view the following websites for safety information and potential learning opportunities as we’re sure that this special phenomenon will be the talk of the town for several weeks!

NASA has created a collection of informational resources on the eclipse. We recommend visiting this Eclipse 2017 site for questions regarding safety, timing, resources and more.

<https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/safety>

<https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov>.

Google and UC Berkley Eclipse Simulator at

<https://eclipsemega.movie>.

Watch the eclipse online at

<https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/eclipse-live-stream/>

- Smile for the camera! Wednesday, August 23, is picture day! We can’t wait to see our students looking their very best in their uniforms as they give us those sweet smiles. If you would like to order pictures, please look for an envelope with ordering information on Monday.
- We have appreciated everyone’s patience with our dismissal procedure. We realize your time is precious so we have been diligently working on improving our process. We hope to have it running smoothly by early next week. Again, thank you for your continued patience as we work out the kinks.
- Our teachers have been eager to contact each of you to update you on your children and their first week of class. Unfortunately, the RenWeb system was experiencing some glitches this week and delayed teacher communication to parents. We believe we have resolved the issue, and you should be receiving a flood of communication from teachers this next week. Thank you for your understanding!
- Students will test in DIBELS next week. This is a standardized test that will provide information on students that we can compare to monitor their progress. Help them prepare by feeding them a healthy breakfast!

