



3 Oaks Times

The latest news, views, and announcements from 3 Oaks Academy!

Upcoming Events

- 9/7/2020 Labor Day
- NO School
- 9/14-18 Student Path
Design Days
- 9/8-11 Supply Pickup

Some of Our Students Favorite Quotes

Be peaceful, be courteous, obey the law, respect everyone; but if someone puts his hand on you, send him to the cemetery. - Malcolm X

"If you look at what you have in life, you'll always have more. If you look at what you don't have in life, you'll never have enough." - Oprah Winfrey

"As you go through life, you will see that there is so much that we don't understand. And the only thing we do know is things don't always go the way we plan." Simba - The Lion King

What separates the winners from the losers is how a person reacts to each new twist of fate. - Donald Trump

"The true soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him." G.K. Chesterton.

Credits

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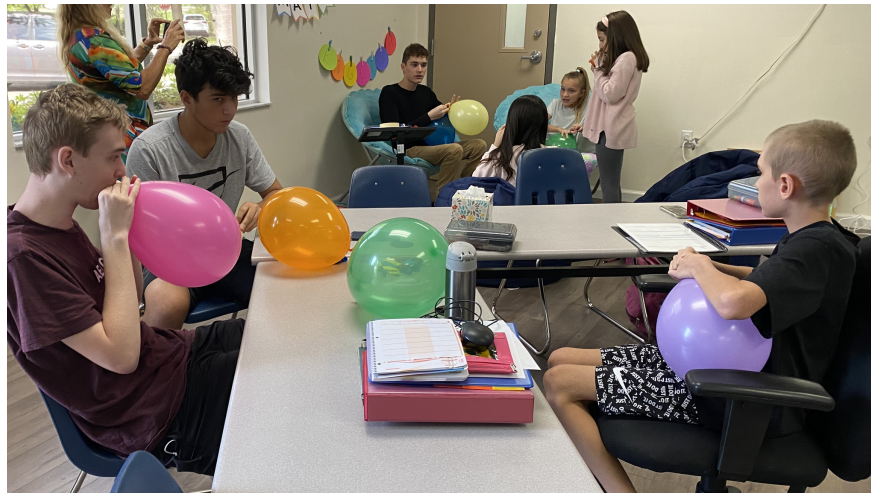
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The Wood Team-building leaves us breathless

Students returned back to school after a longer break than normal due to COVID closing our doors to in-person teaching back in March. It was really great seeing everyone's faces again and getting back into the swing of things. Students went right back into action just like the long break never happened, which was perfect since our first team building activity left some of them breathless (not always from the blowing up the balloons, but from being startled when one would POP!

Team building is an essential component of our school values. We believe in being a family and everyone having fun while learning. One way that we challenge our students to become better problem solvers and develop the ability to work together is through team building activities.

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Wide Open Spaces

We started out the year building our school guidelines, determining student roles in leadership and began introducing the exciting things that we have planned for this year. Several changes occurred over the month before students came back to school and we have met each challenge with strength and positivity. The most exciting news was our quick move over into a more spacious area. One of our students said it best "I love the openness of it! I can actually move around in here."

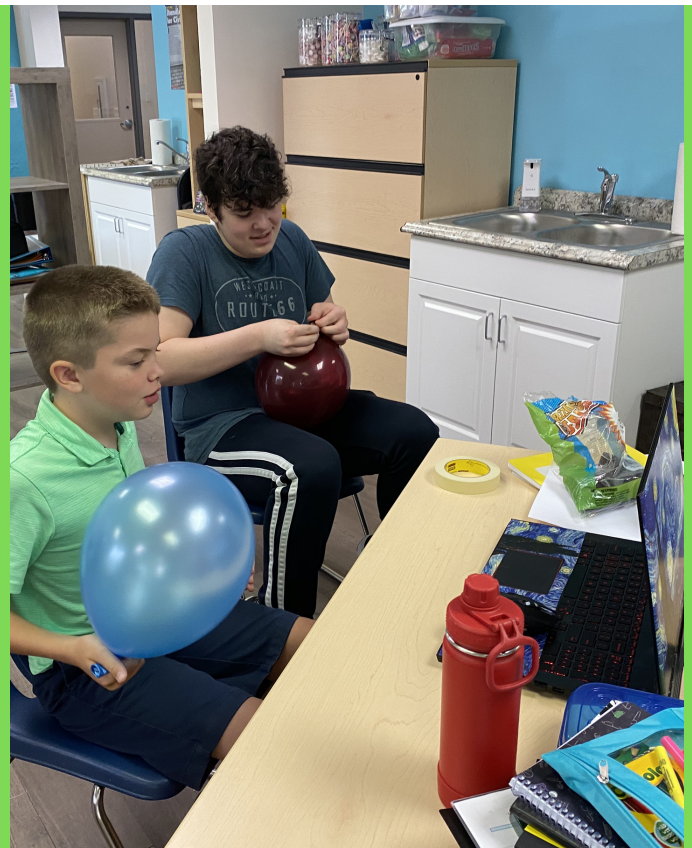
What happened was entirely unexpected as we were trying to get set up for the new school year, but couldn't get into the middle school room due to some storage issues. So that weekend, with the help of Laura Born, one of our parents, and a few friends and family, we moved into the STEAM room. A fresh coat of paint, some new furniture and we are ready for amazing things to happen this year.



High school and Middle school students working together to build the tallest standing structure using only balloons and tape.

Team-building, cont.

Easing into the school year, brings a jam packed week of get to know you and team building activities. Activities ranged from developing a growth mindset to working toward the common goal of building the tallest standing structure using only balloons and tape. The students enjoyed working with their teammates here at school and at home, as they determined the best course of action to build the tallest structure. We had students using the wall and even the ceiling for support! Great way to use additional resources that are around you.



The Tutelage Trunks



Parents Personalize Student Pathways

Are you smarter than a 3 Oaks Student?

Parents,

How are your algebraic skills? Test your knowledge with this problem solving question.

ARITHMETIC VS GEOMETRIC

Directions: Which is bigger?

The common ratio, r , in a geometric sequence with

$$a_2 = 24 \text{ and } a_5 = 1536$$

OR

the common difference, d , in an arithmetic sequence with

$$a_4 = 16 \text{ and } a_7 = 31$$

Need a hint?

How do you find the common ratio/common difference?

Can you tell just by looking at the given information? Why or why not?

Parent's we are very thankful for all of your support and your dedication to your child(ren)'s education. With MAP data, teacher observations, and the first round of lessons already in place, we are ready to begin developing the individualized plans for the this school year. In the coming weeks we will be reaching out to all of you to set up your child(ren)'s personalized pathway. We will hold these meetings either in person or over Zoom. Students should be present during this meeting, as we prefer that parent's and student's have a voice in the development of their educational plan.

Several electives have also started, with just a few others that are being finished up. Students had the choice this year to pick their own electives or choose to take a foreign language and/or outdoor education with us here at the school. Giving students a voice in their education provides student's with a sense of responsibility in the decision making process. We want students to follow their passions and take classes that are enjoyable while meeting their individual needs.

**The best way to predict
your future is to create it -
Abraham Lincoln**

Answers: Puzzlemania
 $T = 4n + 2[n(n-1)]$
Smarter Than a 3 Oaks Student: $r=4$; $d=5$; common difference is bigger

The Rings

Meet Ms. Joanne



Hi, my name is Joanne Walker and I'm originally from Buffalo, New York. I'm proud to call 3 Oaks Academy my home and can't wait to help students reach their full potential. After receiving my undergraduate degree from the University of Eastern Michigan, I moved to southwest Florida where I have taught elementary and middle school students for the past 10 years earning the "High Impact Teacher of the Year" award twice in Lee County.

When not teaching, my husband and I explore the amazing Florida wilderness by backpacking the 1300 mile Florida National Scenic Trail. Other hobbies include swimming, biking, kayaking, rollerblading, videography, camping and cooking. Volunteering at my church and helping with the youth ministry are both activities I also find rewarding. Sadie, our four year old puggle, makes sure there is never a dull moment around the house. My twenty-one year old son makes sure Sadie is well taken care of when I'm in the backcountry with my husband. Looking forward to meeting everyone and having a fantastic year together.

Middle School Science

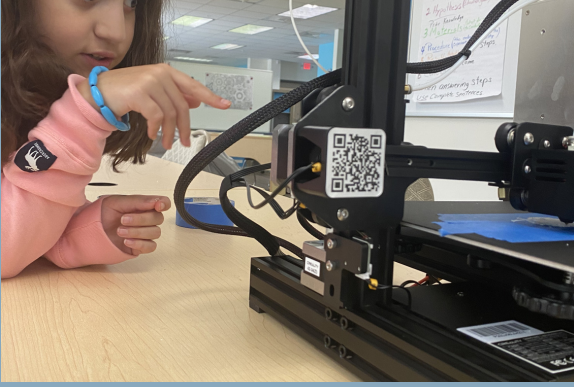
In Science class this past week, our middle schooler's used their science and math skills to make a yummy treat. Through interdisciplinary learning, our students used their math ratio skills while applying scientific knowledge of mixing materials to work together to create some delicious rice crispy treats. Thankfully they were kind enough to share with highschool.



Outdoor Education

Something new that we are offering this year is outdoor education. Students have been taking tours of the trail area that exists on the school grounds. In class students have been learning about how to identify native plants and trees. Currently our students are growing some plants from some found seeds to determine which plant/tree they came from. Super exciting to see this type of learning in action.

3 Oaks Highlights!



Our 3D printer has arrived! After some painstaking mishaps, we finally got the printer put together. Now, we're working on polishing out the kinks in the leveling bed, then we will be on our way toward making some cool little items.



In high school science, we are working on learning about forces. To demonstrate force, students utilized the hover soccer ball to make connections with balanced and unbalanced forces. It was an added bonus to be able to enjoy kicking it around the classroom and discussing why it moves the way it does.



Four square is back in action at 3 Oaks Academy. It didn't take the students long to get back into one of their favorite break time activities. Four square and sometimes two or three square is played by bouncing the ball to other players from other quadrants (great math word!) and attempting to eliminate those other players.

Puzzlemania

Can you identify the equation that is represented by this pattern?



A	L	M	E	Z	U	B	M	B	O	D	G	Y	E	J
L	V	P	E	N	C	I	L	S	R	W	Q	P	D	U
E	O	K	Z	S	R	T	H	A	M	H	W	T	U	B
D	F	O	A	T	S	T	O	X	A	G	X	R	C	C
U	J	J	H	E	Y	B	H	U	T	L	O	A	A	V
C	Q	H	T	C	K	O	C	U	H	S	Q	P	T	R
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