




# Welcome to Oak Tree School!



A collection of school supplies is arranged around a central spiral notebook. The notebook is open to a page with a light blue grid pattern. The text on the page is written in a black, sans-serif font. Surrounding the notebook are various items: several colored pencils in shades of green, yellow, pink, and brown are lined up at the top; a pair of orange-handled scissors is positioned to the right; a watercolor palette with various colored wells is also to the right; a pair of blue-handled scissors is at the bottom left; and several more colored pencils are at the bottom. To the left of the notebook, there are three paper clips in blue, yellow, and pink.

One of the most  
important  
events in the life  
of your child is  
going to school.

# Meet the Staff




# Oak Tree/Applegarth PTA

- Meetings
- Membership
- School Programs
- Website:
  - <http://www.otaepta.com>





# Important Information

- AM/PM Class Placement
  - Kindergarten Student Orientation
    - August 26, 2025 - Parent Meeting
  - First day of school: Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2025
    - AM = 8:55 – 11:29
    - PM = 12:50 – 3:24
  - Transportation Information (732) 521-1500
  - ECE/Falcon Care Table
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# Important Information

- School Calendar
- 4-Hour Sessions
  - AM = 8:55-11:29
  - PM = 10:21 – 12:56
- Attendance
- Report Cards - Trimesters
- Parent/Teacher Conferences  
(October 14, 15, 16 and February 17, 18, 19)
- Sharing information with teacher





# Important Information

- Connect 5 Automated Phone System
- Weekly Blasts
- Class Dojo School Story
- Oak Tree School Website
- District Website
- Teacher Correspondence
  - Google Classroom
  - Teacher Newsletters
  - Staff Webpages



# What can I review with my child?

- ✓ Knowledge of first and last name
  - Speaking and Writing
- ✓ Capital letter recognition
- ✓ Number recognition through 20
- ✓ Shape recognition
- ✓ Color names



# What can I review with my child ?

- ✓ Tracing
  - Lines
  - Shapes
- ✓ Scissor use
  - Holding
  - Cutting






# What can I review with my child ?



## ✓ Self help skills:

- Putting on a sweater/jacket
  - Snapping snaps
  - Buttoning buttons
  - Zipping zippers
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# What can I review with my child ?

- ✓ Social Interactions
  - Manners
  - Asking for help
  - Interacting appropriately with others
  - Independent rest room skills





**WELCOME**  
**to the World of**  
**KINDERGARTEN!**



# A Day in the Life your Kindergartener..



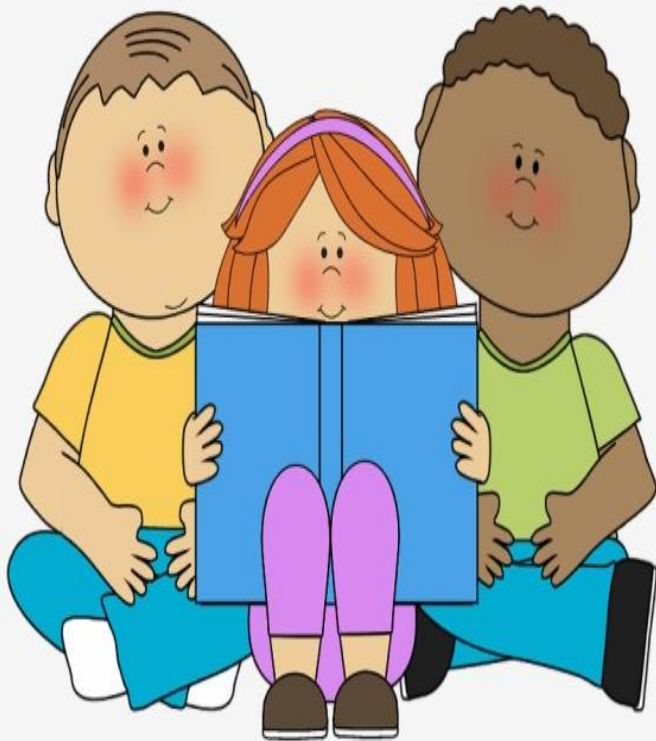
- Morning Meeting/Circle time
- Language Arts/Literacy
  - Word study
  - Reading
  - Writing
- Mathematics
- Snack
- Content Areas
  - Science
  - Social Studies
  - Social Skills

# Class Meeting/Circle Time



- Calendar
  - Days of the week
  - Months of the year
  - Today's date
- Weather
  - Types of weather
  - Temperature
  - Seasons
- 100's chart
  - Number of the day
  - Place value
  - Number patterns

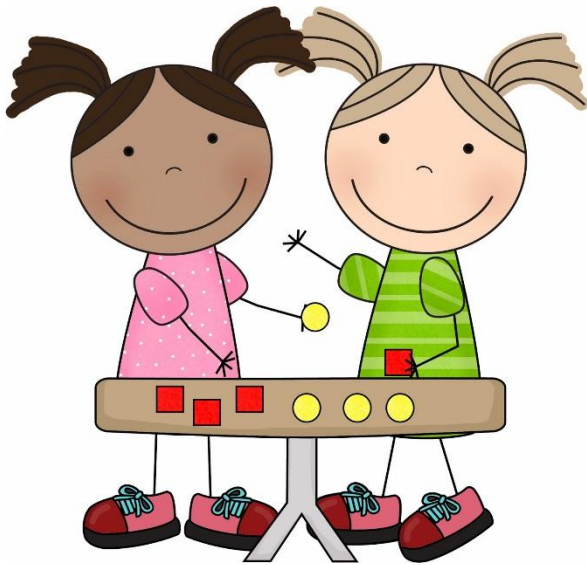
# MyView Literacy



- Word Work
- Foundational Skills
- Readers Workshop
- Writers Workshop

# Math

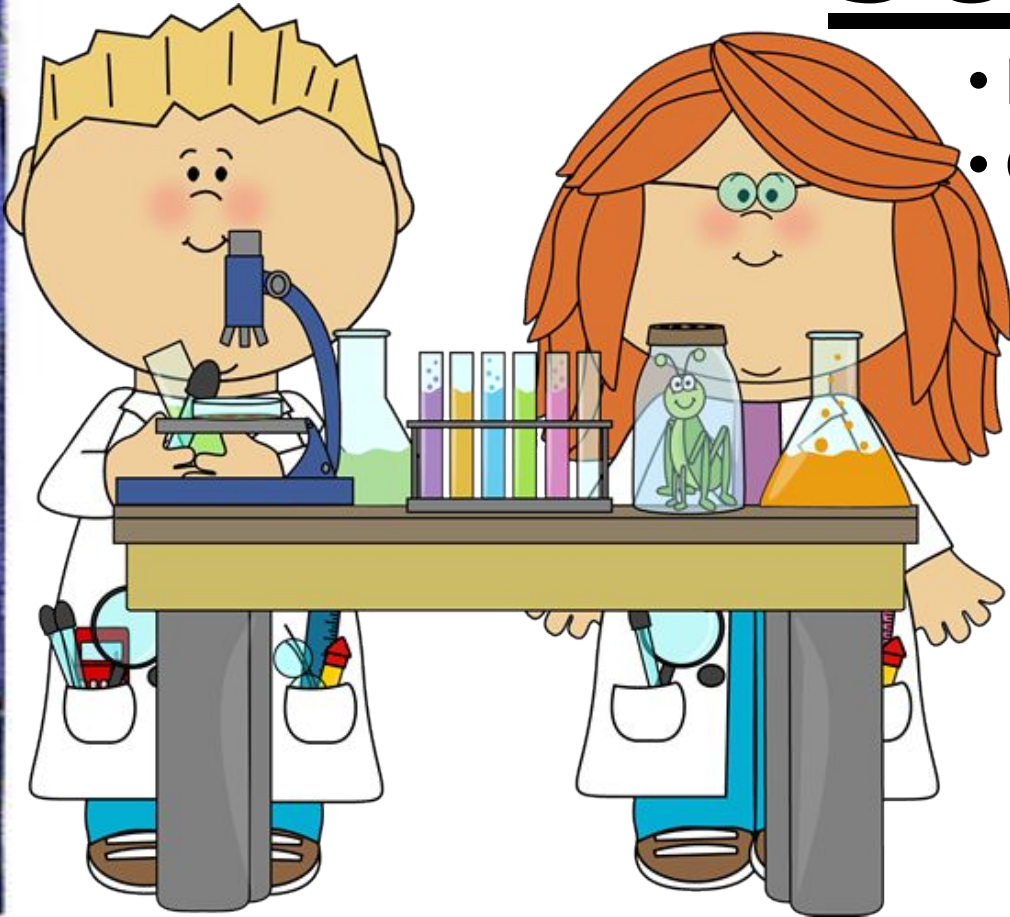
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- Envisions Math
  - CCSS aligned
  - Problem solving/critical thinking
  - Online component
- Concepts explored:
  - Counting and cardinality
  - Addition & Subtraction
  - Numbers in base ten
    - Numbers greater than 10 through 120
    - Place value
  - Measurement & Data
  - Geometry



# Science




- Next Generation Science Standards
- Cross-curricular units of study
  - Weather and Climate
  - Natural Hazards
  - Natural Resources and Human Impact
  - Energy
  - Forces and Interactions
  - Plants
  - Animals
  - STEAM/Makerspace



# Social Studies



- Cross-curricular units of study
    - Citizenship
    - Community
    - People and Cultures
    - Community Helpers
    - Economics
    - History
    - Geography/map skills
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# Social Skills

Are you being a  
**FALCON?**



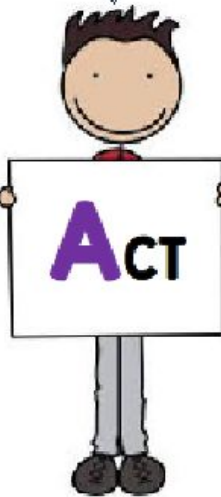
- Words of the month: **Respect**, **responsibility**, **acceptance**, **compassion**, **commitment**, **friendship**, **cooperation**, **positive attitude**, **cultural awareness**, **reflection**.
- Embedded in daily activities and lessons
- Guidance
- SEL Focus

# ARE YOU BEING A **FALCON**?

**Focus** on  
**YOU!**  
Your behavior,  
your learning,  
your actions.



**Act**  
respectfully,  
responsibly,  
and kindly.



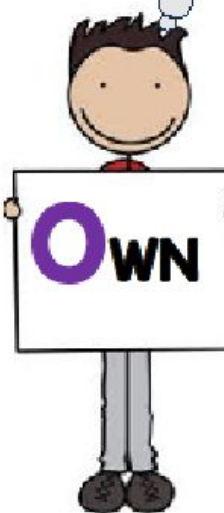
**Lead**  
by example.



**Care**  
for others,  
yourself,  
and your  
education



**Own**  
your actions  
and take  
ownership of  
your learning.



**Notice**  
how you feel and  
how others feel .





# Special Days in KINDERGARTEN!





# October



## Pumpkin Decorating



December

# Gingerbread House Decorating





**JUNE**





**Kindergarten  
Celebration**





# STAR of the Week



- January – May
  - Special week, 1 student
  - Friday = Special Visitor
    - Special visitor activity ideas:
      - Read a story and complete a follow up activity/craft
      - Share a special talent – sing, play an instrument, etc.
      - Discuss and demonstrate your career
      - Complete a STEM activity
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# Special Events at Oak Tree School!



# One Book, One School



# Healthy Living Night

Wellness Week





# Mindfulness Matters Week

## SEL Focus





# FALCON CARE



[http://monroenj.schoolwires.com/Falcon\\_Care](http://monroenj.schoolwires.com/Falcon_Care)





# Oak Tree School Counseling



Mrs. Lauren Brenner  
School Counselor

- Social Skills
- Friendship Groups
- Character Education
- Transition Counseling
- Anti-Bullying Specialist
- Website:


- <http://monroenj.schoolwires.com/domain/887>





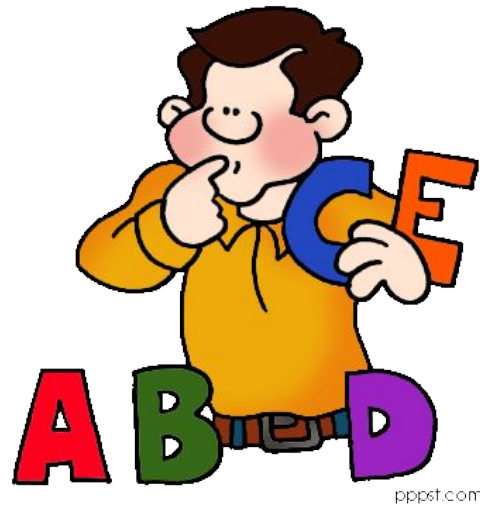
# Oak Tree Health Services



- Mrs. Marie McNutt, Nurse
- Immunization and Physical Examination
  - Medications
  - Attendance
  - Screenings
  - Health Concerns
  - Website:
    - <http://monroenj.schoolwires.com/domain/900>
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# Basic Skills Program

Mrs. Amandalee Fretz,  
Reading Basic Skills




- Reading and/or Math reinforcement
  - Small group instruction
  - Hands-on activities
  - Educational Games

Mrs. Melissa Bordieri,  
Math Basic Skills





# In Closing . . .

- Read with your child EVERY DAY – This is **essential** to continued growth and success.
    - Visit the Monroe Township Library:  
<http://www.monroetwplibrary.org/>
    - Visit the Oak Tree Media Center online:  
<http://monroenj.schoolwires.com/domain/896>
  - Additional district and/or school information:
    - [www.monroe.k12.nj.us](http://www.monroe.k12.nj.us)
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**So... get ready... get set,  
We'll be waiting right here  
We're looking forward to a  
wonderful year!**



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# Thank You for Coming!



you Ask → we answer



# Welcome to Oak Tree Elementary

Proud of our [LEED](#) Silver Certification



**A Leader in Energy and Environmental  
Design (LEED)**

In an effort to sustain an environmentally friendly school, Oak Tree Elementary is providing a digital program for today's Kindergarten Orientation.

This program is available for downloading on our school web site.