



# The Squeeze: Fresh Ideas

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## HELP IN THE NEW YEAR

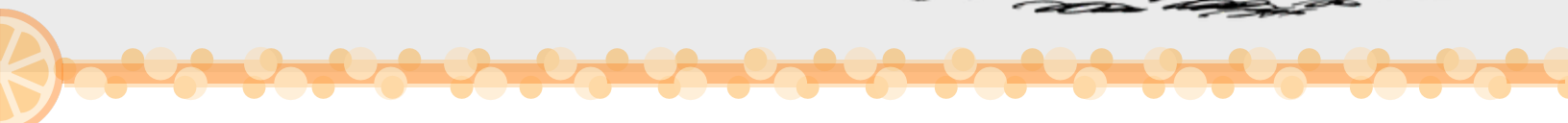
### A Little Help From My Friends

Every year brings with it not only new challenges, but also ways to ensure we are working smarter in our classrooms. This newsletter was put together with a focus on helping you to discover and utilize a vast trove of resources to help support everyone with anything from instruction to professional learning to social-emotional well-being.

#### Wellness Forums PD Opportunities

The 'Connect to Wellness Forums' for the month of February are linked below. Focusing on self-care, self-reflection and a book study that focuses on the five essential elements to well-being.

[February Webinars Information](#)

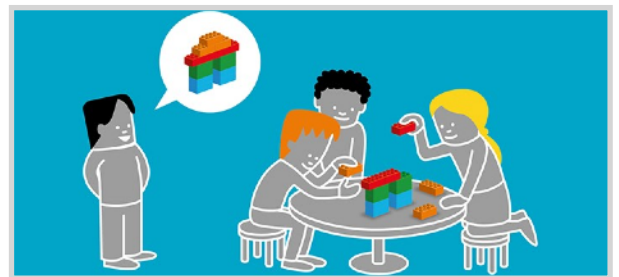


#### Science



### New Year, New Mindset

Have you tried using LEGO activities in your classroom yet? If not, you're missing out! Be sure to connect with your site LEGO Lead this month to get some ideas on how you can incorporate brief and easy challenges using your site LEGO sets for activities such as QuickStarts, LEGO Challenges, SEL Activities, or even lessons to extend Science standards.



## Amplify.

See the resources here to help kick start the new year in Science with Amplify.

#### Goals for 2022

Elementary student worksheet to set some positive goals for the new year!

[Goals Worksheet](#)

#### Engagement

Boosting Science for Back to School to Support Deep Learning and Engagement

[Webinar Recording](#)

#### Literacy

Connecting and Addressing Essential Literacy Skills Through Science

[Webinar Recording](#)

#### Culture

Establishing a Culture of Figuring Out in Your Next Generation Science Classroom

[Webinar Recording](#)





## Planning Ahead

Sifting through all of the resources that are out there can be time consuming. Let us help you with that. Here are some resources to help with your planning needs.

Visit the EdTech website for more information.

[WWW.ORANGEUSD.ORG/EDTECH](http://WWW.ORANGEUSD.ORG/EDTECH)

### January Planning Links

## Nearpod

With teachers needing to be out sick, don't forget that Nearpod is here to help! There are ready made lessons for those substitute teacher days. Make planning a breeze knowing that your students will be engaged and learning.



### Student-Paced Lessons

## Discovery Education

In need of some resources to keep students engaged? Planning your next unit and want to include real world context? Check out Discovery Education Educator Supports. Here you will find Timely Resources with Community Favorites and Monthly topics. You'll also find hot topics, instructional strategies, and professional learning.



### Discovery Educator Supports

## Apple Teacher Learning Center

Did you know that Apple has an Apple Teacher Center filled with lesson ideas that incorporates iPad? Orange Teachers have been giving the lessons a try and find that they are practical for implementation into the classroom. See how students can tie in their ELA learning to create posters, book covers, and so much more. Students can Tag us on social media #OUSDEdTech



### Make a Photo Poster

## Assessment



### Reading (District wide)

45%

Students on or above grade level

62%

Students made progress towards typical growth

### Math (District wide)

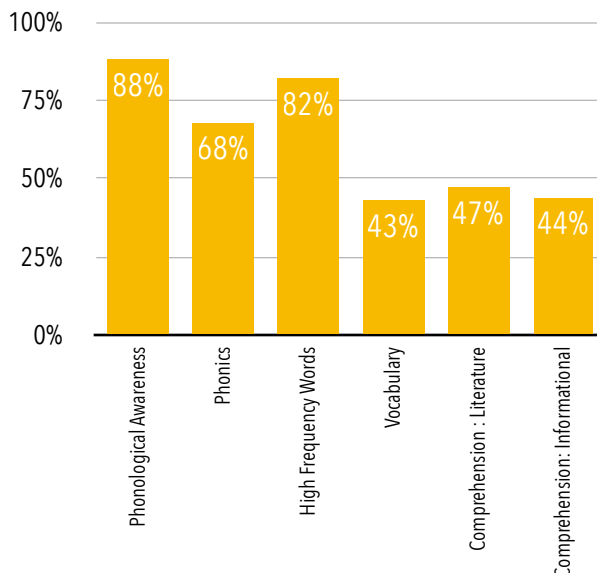
36%

Students on or above grade level

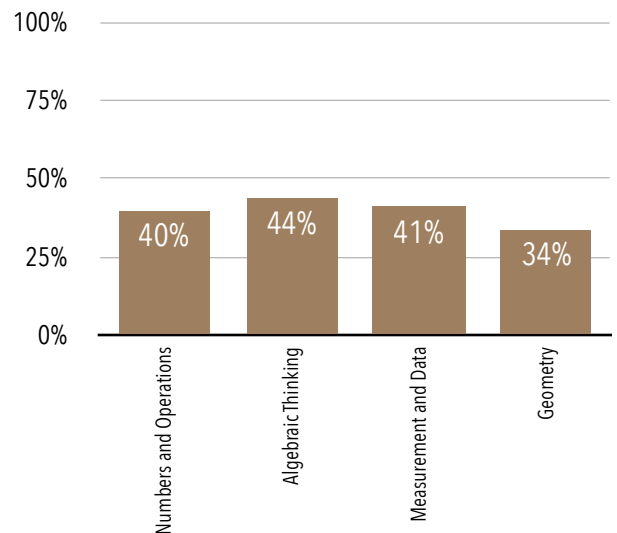
48%

Students made progress towards typical growth

### Reading Domain Results



### Math Domain Results



Great work OUSD Educators! We had 71% of schools meet and/or exceeded the 95% completion for the Second i-Ready Diagnostic (D2)

For more specific information regarding your class and or school please reach out to site administrator or our department: [LINK](#)