

KNIGHT LIFE

Our Savior Christian Academy Newsletter

Two campuses. One school.



OSCA OFFERS EXCELLENCE IN READING AND WRITING USING ORTON-GILLINGHAM METHODS

Last fall, Mrs. Sapp and Mrs. Campbell participated in thirty hours of Orton-Gillingham training, which focused primarily on phonological awareness (recognizing sounds of spoken language) and phonics (method of teaching to read by correlating sounds with letters or groups of letters). Our Savior Christian Academy uses the proven methods of Orton-Gillingham to teach all students to be successful readers. "Non Orton-Gillingham programs just fall flat," noted Smithville K/1 teacher Stacey Sapp. "Studies show that primary students need complete saturation to ensure every pathway is being stimulated for optimum retention in their learning. Memorization has proven to fail."

"Let the man who would hear God speak read Holy Scripture."

Martin Luther

"This method (Orton-Gillingham) breaks words down into easy chunks that students can understand and helps them succeed at reading," stated Platte City K/1 teacher Megan Campbell. "We use red words, sight words, and three-part drills daily to help students know sounds and corresponding letters." The training also included how to teach fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension using the Orton-Gillingham philosophy of multi-sensory, sequential, and direct instruction. These methods also help with handwriting.

"This conference helped me become a better teacher. It has been valuable information that I use each day with my students," noted Mrs. Campbell. "This training helped me to truly understand the importance of implementing and ensuring a solid phonemic program," stated Mrs. Sapp. Do you want to know more about Orton-Gillingham? Check out their website at ortonacademy.org.