



School News



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Esplanade *Elementary*

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We Love Reading!

Esplanade has been busy with activity! Recently, 15 Esplanade parents completed the *Disciplina Positiva* program in which parents learned how to cultivate positive family relationships.

In March, families began participating in PTA's School Smarts program. Additionally, Esplanade will be hosting English as a second language classes for parents, taught by instructors from Santiago Canyon College.

Esplanade's focus on student literacy is in full swing, with all students participating in Lexia, and they are making great gains! Teachers are using information from Lexia to target skills each student needs during small-group instruction to ensure mastery. To celebrate Esplanade's focus on literacy, Esplanade's librarian, Beth Cipres, organized Read Across America week with dress-up days related to a variety of Dr. Seuss books. Guest readers visited classrooms to read their favorite books. Visitors included GRIP officers, board members of the Orange County Public Library and AP English students from El Modena. A culminating event was Esplanade's Read-a-thon on the lawn, with students of all ages enjoying the sunshine and a good book. Esplanade loves to read!

