



Pacifica School District

Ortega Elementary School

Campus

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General

PRINCIPAL: JAMES ROGERS

- ▶ 20 Teachers
- ▶ 450 Students
- ▶ Grades K-5

2008 Growth API - 800

Ortega Overview

We commit to provide students and families the best educational program, using research-based materials and the most effective teaching strategies. Ortega Elementary School offers a rigorous, comprehensive, and challenging curriculum that develops literacy, language arts, and mathematics. Fully credentialed, experienced teachers teach all classes. Teachers and support staff genuinely care about each student and ensure that all children are supported to succeed. Teachers receive support from our thematic learning curriculum, computer technology, and parental and community involvement in the school. Our curriculum is enriched further with visual and performing arts, science, social science, and physical education. Ortega's student work is proudly displayed in hallways throughout the year. Also, we show our spirit in Pacifica's Junior Olympics.

Importantly, the Ortega Elementary School community actively participates and supports school programs. Our combination of teaching strength, enrichment programs, and family participation works for all! ♦

Ortega's Comprehensive Approach

Ortega Elementary School promotes a comprehensive approach to learning combined with imaginative enrichment. In mathematics and language arts, in science and history, and in the visual and performing arts, our staff has developed a challenging and creative curriculum to stimulate thinking and develop academic skills.

Ortega Elementary School has a long history of community service and involvement founded on a close alliance with our students' families. Collecting food for the needy, raising money for our community, and being active protecting our environment are important to our students. Our academic excellence, recognition, and spirit programs result from families and staff working together: gardening projects, drama



Welcome to Ortega Elementary School



Spirit is Ortega's Middle Name

and art productions, thematic units in classrooms, and community outreach. Our greenhouse teaches children important stewardship principles for our planet, too.

Enrichment programs in Ortega include technology, performing and visual arts, and music. Computers are present in every class where they are fully integrated into our day-to-day curriculum.

Ortega Elementary School emphasizes balanced literacy across grades. Classrooms have libraries of grade-level books to support reading. Teachers receive on-going continuing education to use the latest most effective teaching strategies to ensure students achieve content standards in literacy concepts. Our mathematics curriculum is a concept-based program utilizing many hands-on activities to cultivate an understanding of arithmetic principles. Students write daily, learning to express their experiences with a pride of accomplishment. ◆



Ortega Teachers Make a Difference

Ortega's Uniqueness

Keeping students enthusiastic is important at Ortega School. We have found that this enhances student performance and provides a stronger foundation for all future learning experiences.

In order to maintain high enthusiasm, the Ortega staff and parents have created special events that are both fun and educational for the students.

Annually, student exhibits feature children's special works, not only brightening our school hallways but also demonstrating our enrichment of the curriculum with hands-on activity.

Our Read-a-Thon attracts every student to participate, rewarding each for finding discovery in books. The Truck-of-the-Month Club, an award-winning program, is a favorite with Kinder students. Each month a different truck arrives at school for children to discover and explore. ◆

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Students Dress Up For MLK Spirit Day