

# LECS PRESS

Lake Eola Charter School

## POLKADOTS



### THE COOL KIDS MUSICAL

#### A Review of Polkadots: A Cool Kids Musical

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In October, K-2 students visited Orlando Repertory Theater to see the production of Polkadots: A Cool Kids Musical.

At first, there were Sky Square, Penelope Square, and Mrs. Square at Rockaway Elementary School. They all had something in common. It was that they had squares on their skin. On the first day of school, a new student arrived. Her name was Lily Polkadot and there was something different about her. She had polkadots on her skin.

Next, Lily was segregated because of the polkadots on her skin. She even had to drink from a different water fountain. It was all because she had different skin. One day Sky Square and Lily Polkadot decided to drink from

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each other's water fountains and realized that it was the same water! Finally, they got along and the school decided they didn't need two different fountains anymore. Then, a new classmate arrived. His name was Troy Triangle, which was played by Daniel Simmons from our class! Our whole class laughed when seeing that he was part of the play!

“I think that the play was important because you need to get along even though someone has nothing in common with you. -Ethyn Wade

### Cozy, Safe Spaces

After receiving training in Conscious Discipline last year, Ms. McCormick (1st grade) and Ms. Friedman (middle school) decided to create “safe spaces” in their classrooms. Conscious Discipline is a different approach to behavior management that aims to teach students ways to self-regulate their moods and emotions. Rather than rewarding students for good behavior or punishing them for bad behavior, conscious discipline acknowledges that conflicts are a normal part of any classroom and seeks to teach students strategies to resolve them. At any time, a student, or even a teacher, may need a few minutes of quiet, private time to feel safe and ready to work. Ms. Friedman and Ms. McCormick have set up these spaces, and their students are using them almost every day. In Ms. McCormick's room, it's called the “Quiet Corner,” and in Ms. Friedman's room, the students call it the “Cozy Corner.” In both cases, this quiet, separate area of the classroom is being used by students who just need a break from

the stresses of everyday school life. They can take a few deep breaths and re-group in an area of the classroom that recognizes that sometimes, we all need a minute to stop, breathe, and think.



**Alumni Dominic Perito built this portable game cart as a project for his Eagle Scout badge. Thanks for thinking of us Dominic, the kids love taking this to the park at recess!**

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Day/date	Time
Friday, November 24	8:00-8:00
Saturday, November 25	12:00-6:00
Friday, December 01	4:00-8:00
Saturday, December 02	12:00-8:00
Friday, December 08	12:00-8:00
Saturday, December 09	12:00-8:00
Sunday, December 10	12:00-6:00
Monday, December 11	12:00-8:00
Tuesday, December 12	12:00-8:00
Wednesday, December 13	12:00-8:00
Thursday, December 14	12:00-8:00
Friday, December 15	12:00-10:00
Saturday, December 16	10:00-10:00
Sunday, December 17	11:00-7:00
Monday, December 18	10:00-10:00
Tuesday, December 19	10:00-10:00
Wednesday, December 20	10:00-10:00
Thursday, December 21	10:00-10:00
Friday, December 22	10:00-10:00







## 4th Grade St. Augustine Field Trip



*The students had a  
blast learning about  
early Florida History!*





# DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

During two weeks the students learned about the Day of the Dead holiday which is celebrated in parts of Mexico and Latin America at the end of October through the beginning of November. They learned about the history and origins of Day of the Dead, as well as the art and traditions surrounding it. Each class worked on different activities, and they used this as an opportunity to learn about the importance of cultural diversity.



The mission of Lake Eola Charter School is to provide differentiated instruction leading to mastery of national standards and uses best practices to develop the 5 C's: comprehension, computation, critical thinking, character, and community service in our family of learners.

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## ALL ABOUT FIRST GRADE



*Cluster 1 welcomed the fire department to LECS. We were thrilled to get to spray the fire hose down Palmetto and learn about fire safety.*

*We enjoyed going to the musical Polkadots and learned some valuable lessons about diversity and being kind to others.*

*Mr. Richard came for our fall Sing-along!*

*first grade presented our new teachers with "welcome to LECS" cards.*

1st  
Grade