



OAK GROVE SCHOOL

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THE ART OF LIVING AND LEARNING

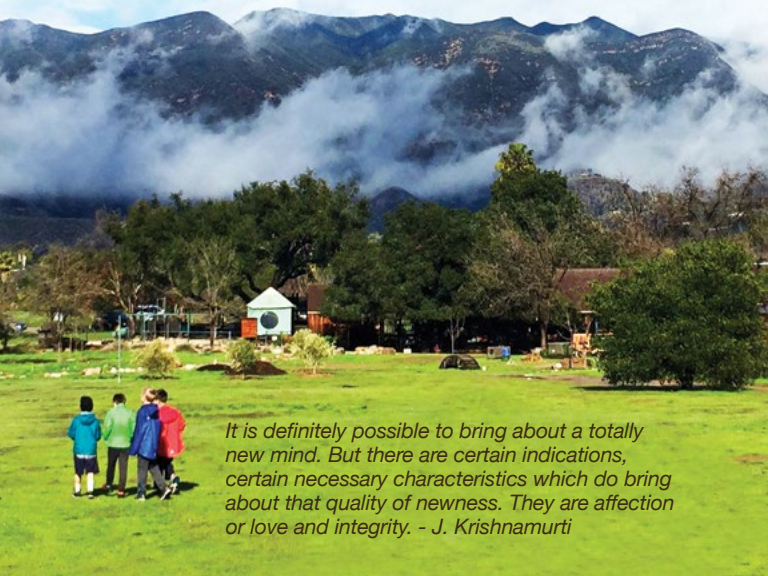
GRADES 1-5

Dear Family,

Since its founding, Oak Grove has preserved an environment where students can ask deep questions; directly confront fear, loneliness, self-awareness, and love; and flower from a truth within. The expansive wooded campus and community of adults (parents, teachers, staff) support a safe space for inquiry, affectionate communication, and openness in the face of challenge, all while infusing our days with a sense of ease and joyfulness. The *Art of Living and Learning* expresses several overarching themes embedded in our school's culture, curriculum, classroom practice, and expectations of student learning. Enjoy your exploration of Oak Grove School.

Yours in learning,

Jodi Grass, Head of School



It is definitely possible to bring about a totally new mind. But there are certain indications, certain necessary characteristics which do bring about that quality of newness. They are affection or love and integrity. - J. Krishnamurti

the art of Inquiry

**observation • questioning
fact-finding • research • self-reflection**

Driven by their wonder and curiosity, elementary students are asked to take the time to question deeply. Students learn to research, discern facts from opinions, create presentations, and share their discoveries. Collaborative problem-solving is emphasized each day across content areas, and students learn to rely on one another to find solutions to complex problems.







the art of Engagement

**attention • self-direction • self-motivation
self-regulation • learning how one learns
examining one's own thinking**

Elementary students learn in small class sizes, averaging 16 students. Teachers guide young students in the process of self-reflection to facilitate awareness. Close relationships among students and teachers deepen discussions and allow for powerful learning opportunities.







the art of Aesthetics

**sensitivity & appreciation of beauty in all forms
finding the artist within • artistic expression**

Appreciation of beauty is neither forced nor overtly stated, but comes across clearly in the students' art, creative writing, music, and love of the outdoors.

We offer students opportunities to express creativity in myriad ways. Self-expression comes from within the child, with open-ended and unknown results. The process of creation itself is valued over the finished product.

the art of Caring & Relationships

**self • others • local & global communities
environmental stewardship**

Through self-understanding and sensitivity, children build and sustain relationships with others, with the environment, and by extension, with the world community. Guided by teachers, students grapple with the intricacies of relationship and, by way of speaking and listening from the heart, deepen their care and sensitivity toward one another.

In many ways the expansiveness of our campus mirrors the openness and discovery reflected in the school's emphasis on inquiry and relationship.





Oak Grove's outdoor education and travel program offers opportunities to learn from the natural world, build lasting friendships, feel comfortable and secure in the outdoors, and become active stewards of the environment. Single- and multi-day excursions include Morro Bay, Joshua Tree, the Sespe Wilderness, Carpinteria Beach, and the Channel Islands.







"There is another kind of learning which has nothing whatsoever to do with storing of knowledge. The storing of knowledge in action is mechanical. But there is learning when there is a constant movement. That is the art of learning." - J. Krishnamurti

the art of Academia

**knowledge • academic standards
conventions • core subject areas**

The Art of Academia is to continually ask: What is essential? The essentials of academic discipline are steeped in collaboration and teamwork, creativity and imagination, critical thinking and problem-solving.

Our curriculum is guided by our own framework, *The Art of Living and Learning*, California State Standards, and the national Common Core, and is taught by a dedicated, credentialed, and experienced faculty.





the art of Communication

speaking • writing • listening • collaboration

In addition to speaking, writing, listening, and collaboration in the academic context, the *Art of Communication* forms the basis for balanced relationships. Each student's capacity to listen to another's point of view and to communicate needs, feelings, and ideas are thoughtfully supported. Our elementary students practice using conflict resolution tools with increasing independence.



ADMISSIONS STEPS

1 • APPLICATION AND TOURS

Tours are offered by our admissions team beginning in October and can be scheduled on our website. The Application for Enrollment is also available online at oakgroveschool.org/apply. The priority deadline is February 1, and admissions decisions are sent by mid-March. Late applications are processed on a space-available basis.

2 • RECOMMENDATIONS, TRANSCRIPTS, IMMUNIZATIONS

Teacher recommendations and transcripts are part of the application process. Students must be in compliance with California immunization requirements, and records are submitted upon enrollment.

3 • PARENT INTERVIEW AND STUDENT VISITS

Parents will meet with an Admissions Associate to discuss their family's educational expectations and goals. When possible, applicants are invited to join their peers at school, engaging in classes and experiencing a typical day at Oak Grove. Alternatively, applicants may meet with faculty on a Saturday.

Because we cannot make an offer of enrollment to every applicant, we maintain an active waitpool.

PLEASE CONTACT US WITH ANY QUESTIONS

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COMPLETE THE ONLINE APPLICATION

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