

## **Graduation Speech**

### **Class of 2026**

Good morning, we are here to thank everyone who brought us to where we are now. We know that the transition between Elementary and Middle School is a big change, that requires special abilities which we still don't have, but will. We will never forget our experiences from elementary school. These last 5 years helped us to grow not just physically, but also spiritually. Every year it gets harder, but we also get stronger. We couldn't have gotten stronger without the help of many special people.

We would like to start with our parents because, if it weren't for them we wouldn't be here. They always give us love and care. They have supported us during this big journey. No matter how big we get, there will always be a space for you. Thank you parents, we love you.

Pre-School teachers, we don't remember a lot of details about our days from so long ago, but we want to thank them for their help: Ms.Vidal,Ms.Viera, Ms.Ramos, Ms.Carol, Ms.Lolo, Ms.Olga, Ms. Menezes, Ms. Kiki, Ms. Malouk, Ms. Lima, Ms. Botelho, Ms. Prado, and as principal, Ms. Barbosa.

After preschool, first-grade was our first year in elementary. It was a big change, and the ones who helped us were: Ms. Weber, Ms. Alex, Ms. Souza, Ms. Cruz and Ms. Botelho.

One year passed and we went to second-grade. We were getting used to elementary. We had lots of wonderful moments but we

wouldn't have had those moments without the help of Ms. Fernandes, Ms. Botelho, Ms. Juca and Ms. Fafa.

In third-grade things got even more interesting. We had more chances to express our learning. We had difficult assignments, which helped us to grow. We wouldn't have grown without the help of: Ms. Rachel, Ms. Diana, Ms. Silva and Ms. Botelho.

Now we got to fourth- grade, almost the heads of elementary. As the teachers said, it's the preparation for fifth-grade. All the teachers were lovely: Ms. Abreu, Ms. Allie, and Mr. Moraes.

And finally we got to fifth-grade, now we were the heads of elementary. It was quite a year. We started getting more mature. Ms. D'Altério, Ms. Brock, and Mr. Moraes were the ones who helped us in this last year of the elementary.

(Now we're going to speak in Portuguese)

Obrigada ao departamento de limpeza, por sempre deixar nossas salas limpas e organizadas. Também gostaríamos de agradecer o departamento da cozinha, pois cuidaram da gente com a comida maravilhosa que vocês nos fazem todos os dias, principalmente a Giovanna. Também gostaria de agradecer a equipe da segurança, pois vocês nos protegem dentro da escola.

(Now we'll continue speaking in English)

For the IT, they helped us on our iPads, and when we had difficulty to access something. We would also like to thank the resource center; you helped us in all the subjects we had difficulties in. Thank you!

We also want to thank teachers of special classes. For music: Ms. Izecksohn and Mr. Camera.

For arts: Ms.Thais, Ms.Merchac, and Ms. Cleide.

For physical education: Mr. Souza, Ms. Valente, Mr. Santos, and Ms. Biggers.

For coding: Mr. Bruno and Mr. Luis Philipe.

For Portuguese, História, and Geografia: Ms. Vieira, Ms.Telles, and Ms. Andrade.

Ms. Eduarda for drama.

Ms. Duniec, Ms. Prado, Ms. Prudêncio, and Ms. Souza for Religion.

Ms. Rafaela, Ms.Sodre, and Mr. Gustavo for library.

For cheer: Ms. Luana.

We also would like to thank the after school team for giving us extra classes. For the piano, violin, capoeira, ballet, jazz, tap dancing, cooking, and a lot more. This also helps us to get better in different skills.

We would like to thank the nurses because they always help us when we get hurt.

Thank you!

We would like to say a little bit about the personality of each teacher:

~ Ms. Weber: is sweet like chocolate

~ Ms. Sousa: very careful with us

~ Ms. Cruz: took out our teeth (love you)

~ Ms. Botelho: Gentle

~ Ms. Juca: very strict in English, this helped us a lot

~ Ms. Fafa: took care of us in recess

~ Ms. Fernandes: she helps us in the sad and good times

~ Ms. Rachel: who made the funniest projects

~ Ms. Diana: loves to meditate

~ Ms. Silva: she was very strict and this helped us grow

- ~ Ms. Abreu: we love her as she loves chocolate (but a little more)
- ~ Ms. Alie: she gave us tips to make our lives easier
- ~ Mr. Moraes: helps us in math and in religion
- ~ Ms. Brock: very nice and kind
- ~ Ms. Dalterio: is the funniest and loves rock
- ~ Ms. Vieira: the best forró dancer
- ~ Ms. Sodré: read interesting books to us
- ~ Mr. Gustavo: strong
- ~ Ms. Raphaela: organized and sweet
- ~ Ms. Duda: the most creative teacher
- ~ Ms. Teles: friendly
- ~ Ms. Andrade: smart
- ~ Mr. Sousa: helps us in sport with fun games
- ~ Mr. Santos: funny :)
- ~ Ms. Luana : teaches us new movements in cheerleading
- ~ Ms. Biggers: does fun games
- ~ Ms. Duniec: most patient
- ~ Ms. Thais: the best in doing art
- ~ Ms. Cleide: works hard for us
- ~ Mr. Bruno / Luis Philipe: helps us to get better in computers
- ~ Ms. Izeckson: she was our first music teacher, she started our singing careers
- ~ Mr. Camera: the teaching monkey

Ms. Fernandes, Ms. Deborah, and Ms. Marina, thank you for all your kindness on this big journey through elementary. You have always been with us through our happy and sad moments. You guided us and always put us on the right path.

A special thank you to Dr. Lyndaker for always being there for us. He will always be in our hearts. He may be leaving school, but our memories about him will stay. He has taught us that everyone is unique, and we should embrace it. He is a very special man! Thank you Dr. Lyndaker for everything.

We want to thank Monsignor André. Because of you, we receive Jesus. You are very special for OLM. Not only Monsignor, but also the religion department, for organizing all our masses. You helped us to believe in Jesus' blessings.

Middle school will be tough, but we won't go through it alone. Jesus our savior will always be there, no matter what. He will be in our hearts, guiding us, and reminding us of all the wonderful learning we have experienced in elementary.

Ms. Auler, we look forward to the next chapter in our journey here at OLM.

In conclusion, we would like to thank you all because .....  
(everyone) " Today my Life Begins"