



# Oneonta Montessori School

## October 2011



**COLUMBUS DAY - School holiday**  
**Monday, 10<sup>th</sup>**



**FIELD TRIPS**  
**FORNERIS FARM – Mon, 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**Room # 2 & # 4**

We will visit the farm in Mission Hills. A tractor train pull, corn maze, farm animals & a pumpkin patch equals fun, fun, fun!! Children will get their very own pumpkins to take home. Wow! What a great day...Don't forget: jeans, hat & sunscreen!! 3 chaperones per class invited.

**LA HABRA CHILDREN'S MUSEUM - Thurs, 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**Rooms #'s 5, 6, 7, 8, 9**

Students will begin a study on the Time Line of Man and will visit this museum to see the exhibit on Castles and Kings. They will learn that castle life during the Middle Ages is not what they see in the movies today. They will learn that everyone had a job to do, including the children, and being the prince or princess could actually be kind of boring, not glamorous at all!

**CAREER DAY**  
**Friday, 21<sup>st</sup>**

We have planned a very exciting Career Day so that our students can get a firsthand feel of what it is like to be a Community Worker such as a Firefighter, Police Officer, Mail Carrier etc. Also, what it's like to go into the private sector and be a Veterinarian, Cinematographer, Attorney, Cosmetologist, etc.

Thank you to all of you who signed up. We appreciate your willingness to be a part of our Career Day. We have chosen 12 exciting careers that we think our students will be eager to experience.

**FINGERPRINTING AT SCHOOL**  
**Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup>**

Permanent Impressions Child Safety program will be here to take children's fingerprints. We are bringing this service into our school so that you could take advantage of it in house rather than have to do so on the weekend. Please fill out the form & return it the office if interested.

**HALLOWEEN PARADE**  
**Mon, 31<sup>st</sup> - 10:00 a.m.**



Children must come to school in costume as everyone participates in the parade. They may bring a change of clothes to school. We will assemble in the elementary playground so that the children will be able to see everyone else's costumes and then go for a walk around the block to say hello to our neighbors and businesses in our community. Parents, we welcome all of you to dress in costume and join us on the fun parade. Halloween snack party sign ups will be posted so that there will be plenty of healthy snacks for all.

***HAVE A SAFE AND FUN HALLOWEEN!***

**RED RIBBON WEEK**  
**Mon, 24<sup>th</sup> – Fri. 28<sup>th</sup>**



The students will be made aware of staying safe & drug free. The elementary students will make classroom banners, draw pictures, write essays & pledge to be DRUG FREE. An officer from the Alhambra Police Department will visit our school and talk to the students about the importance of Red Ribbon Week.



**SEE'S CANDY FUND RAISER**  
**Fri, 28<sup>th</sup> – Mon, November 14<sup>th</sup>**

Parents! We want all of you to please help with our annual candy fund raiser. This year we are hoping to demolish the elementary playground & erect a brand new play structure with rubber surfacing, also build a brand new wider patio where we can have ping pong tables and other fun games. The estimates we have received are between \$22,000 - \$25,000 so please help us by selling as much candy as possible. Thanks for your cooperation!

**CULTURAL DIVERSITY**

Thank you for filling out our Cultural Survey Form. We are so privileged to have students and staff from so many different countries; with such rich cultures and traditions. We want all of you to know how much we value all the different ethnicities. The different customs, practices and beliefs that are associated with each ethnicity are a tremendous educational resource for our students.

### **Ms Irma's & Ms Nancy's Ladybugs – Class # 1**

Our children are preparing for an exciting month with new songs and poems. We will learn about our bodies as we name the different parts. We will learn why leaves are important to plants as we take a stroll down the street and pick up different colored leaves. The Solar System is also in the works as we learn the names of the planets. Our little lady bugs will be also introduced to Christopher Columbus and his 3 ships as we talk about his voyage to America. Happy Halloween!

### **Ms Christina's Fireflies - Class # 2**

It is time for the spooktacular month of October! We have so many great activities planned for the month. To start, we will be celebrating National Hispanic month by creating an Aztec Mosaic paper plate. To get into the Halloween spirit, we will be making some great yummy cookies and cutting out bats to decorate our welcome board. We have been talking about animals and things grown on the farm to prepare the kids for our fun filled field trip to the pumpkin patch on the farm. Ms. Yvonne and I enjoy hearing about all the great costumes the children will be wearing this year. Please make sure to join us for are Halloween parade to check out all the great costumes.

### **Ms Melinda's Honey Bees – Class # 3**

As we fall into a new seasonal month we will go on a nature walk to observe the colors and textures of falling leaves. For Science we will study the parts of a tree and put our own fall tree together as an art project. The Honey Bees will visit the school library to learn about Christopher Columbus and his three ships as he made his journey to America. Halloween will bring with it skulls and skeletons and it is a good time to teach the little ones the names of all our body parts. Parents, please be prepared to be a part of our Halloween parade by dressing up and being here on the 31<sup>st</sup>. Happy Halloween Everyone!

### **Ms Audrey's Butterflies – Class # 4**

To infinity and beyond! Many wonderful adventures await us in October. Columbus' famous voyage will kick off the month. The adventure will continue as we visit each planet in our funtastic journey into space; creative art will help us commemorate our learning experience in our very own books about the planets. Our first field trip of the year to Forneris Farms will bring us the colors and flavors of fall. We'll learn about the wonderful fall harvest and pick our own pumpkin to bring back home. Our trip to the farm will inspire many fun learning experiences one of which will be baking yummy mini apple turnovers for cookery. Bone chilling lessons, projects and experiments await us as we get ready for our Halloween parade!

### **Ms Vangie – Class # 5**

Our classroom routines are going along well & we are ready to sail into October. Christopher Columbus' journey will be a part of our lesson as we get a quick review of the 4 oceans, 7 continents & land & water forms for Geography. Calendar and its parts for History, 5 classes of vertebrates for Zoology and all about plants for Botany. In Language we will continue to learn about sentences, its parts and consonant blends. Book reports will also commence this month for the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. Math will include numeration, addition and subtraction problems and place value. Get ready for Halloween Kids!

### **Ms Dorothy– Class # 6**

October studies will include Christopher Columbus' voyage to America, water forms, and the Earth for Geography. We will continue with plants and an experiment for Botany and the classes of Vertebrates for Zoology. More work in numeration, carry over and borrowing in Math, telling time, and a time line, naming parts and action parts in Language. Monthly reading logs have been passed out for all, and the Monthly Book Report with a recommended Reading list for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. Our class is working hard! Happy Halloween all!

### **Ms Amie –Class # 7**

Fall is here and we are ready for our October adventure! We will continue our quest for knowledge by continuing to study Nouns in Language. In Math, we will continue rounding off numbers and master Addition and Subtraction. In the Cultural Arts area, we will discuss the seasons and study the Clock of the Eras for History and start our European journey in Geography. A detailed study on plants and flowers for Botany and the five classes of vertebrates in Zoology will be reviewed. Happy Halloween, see you on the 31<sup>st</sup>!

### **Ms Sue – Class # 8**

A month of adventures! Our little EXPLORERS sailed through smoothly & have landed into the 'New World' of Kindergarten. We will learn about Christopher Columbus for our History lesson and sail with him learning about the four oceans. Our Botany lesson will be on parts of a seed, while we learn about our marvelous bodies and skeletal system for Zoology. We will continue to work on our Pink and Blue boxes for Language and four digit addition for Math. Don't forget to put on your favorite costume and join us on the 31<sup>st</sup>!

### **Ms Ernamarie/Ms MaryAnn – Class # 9**

Rules are set and students are doing their best to comply with the Behavior Contract. Mastery of the four operations, fractions, finding GCF and LCM & angle pairs are the lessons for Math & Geometry. Zoology emphasizes on external parts of vertebrates & invertebrates, animal diversity & sense organs. Writing prompts, reading fluency exercises & grammar rules keep students busy in Language, History's Time Line of Man, Great Civilizations and Geography's detailed study of continents are the points of interest for lecture and discussion. Whew!