

Jasmine Macias Memorial Scholarship Award

2011 Recipient is Oralis Ward

Jasmine was a student at our school from the age of 3 to 7 years of age. When she was 7 years old, in 2nd Grade, she was diagnosed with Leukemia and passed away within months of her diagnosis. Jasmine was a lovely child who stood out among her peers with an infectious smile and compassionate spirit. She was wise beyond her years and her short life impacted all of us.

In an effort to preserve her memory and to encourage the amazing qualities found in this little girl, we started this Memorial Scholarship along with her mother, Rosy. Rosy will continue to sell Sees Candy during our Fund Raiser every November. With the funds raised as well as donations that pour in, together, we award a \$ 500.00 tuition scholarship to one exemplary student at Oneonta each year.

Every year the teachers nominate a student who displays the very special qualities we saw in Jasmine, they are qualities that go far beyond citizenship. They are qualities that make a positive difference in the lives they touch. From the time Oralis started school at Oneonta, the staff members have commented on her smile, compassion, joyful spirit and positive effect she has had on her peers. It is with great pride that we award Jasmine's Memorial Scholarship to Kindergartener, Oralis Ward this school year.

Congratulations to Oralis, this year's recipient of this prestigious award. Keep up the wonderful job you are doing! It is because of role models like you that make Oneonta Montessori such an excellent school.

WAY TO GO ORALIS!