

ONEONTA MONTESSORI SCHOOL

September

2012

Welcome Back



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Welcome back to school! We look forward to working together with you in making this school year an exciting and fulfilling experience in learning. Don't forget to take some time out of your busy schedules to get to know our staff. We're all eager to meet our students and their parents and want to extend a warm welcome to all.



Back to School Night - Friday 14th

This is a night for parents only.

Pre School: 4:00 – 5:30. Elem: 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

It is mandatory for all parents to attend. School Closes at 12:00 noon and child care is not available.

Preschool parents: please be seated in your child's classroom by 4:00 p.m. **Elem parents:** pls be seated by 5:30 p.m. The teachers will be going over important information re: classroom rules, activities & requirements, student assignments etc.

New Hot Lunch Provider – Starts Mon, Sept 10th

We have decided to try a new hot lunch provider, Watsons Food Services. We checked menus & sampled food and found their food selection & quality was better. Last day to sign up is Thurs, Sept 6th.

Parking Lots

The lower and upper parking lots are open to all for drop off/pick up. **From 8:15 – 8:30 a.m. the upper parking lot is a drop off zone only for elementary students.** Parking during this time is not allowed.

Extra Curricular Activities this year

Chinese Class	-	Mondays
Gymnastics	-	Tuesdays
Soccer	-	Wednesdays
Dance	-	Thursdays
Hapkido	-	Fridays

Fliers are available for pick up in boxes in hallways.

2012-2013 Oneonta Staff Members

Fiona Emersley	Director
Audrey Velasquez	Assist. Director
	Pre-School Teacher Class # 4
	Elementary Biology Class # 9
Virginia Casado	Administrator
	4 th -6 th Social Studies
Nancy Shing	Pre-School Teacher Class # 1
Michaela Feria	Pre-School Asst. Class # 1
Christina Salazar	Pre-K Teacher Class # 2
Yvonne Roman	Pre- K Assistant Class # 2
Melinda Perez	Pre-School Teacher Class # 3
Irma Jacobo	Pre-School Teacher Class # 3
Paula Reyes	Pre-K Assistant Class # 4
Lisa Berumm	Pre-K Assistant Class # 4
Vangie Gallardo	1 st /2 nd Grade Teacher, Class # 5
Gricelda Felix	1 st /2 nd Grade Asst. Class #5
	Spanish/1 st Grade Social Studies
Dorothy de Silva	K/1 st Grade Teacher Class # 6
Blossom De Leon	K/1 st Grade Asst. Class # 6
Amie Leonida	2 nd /3 rd Grade Teacher Class # 7
	4 th -6 th Grade Science
Anna Gilliland	3 rd Grade Assistant Class # 7
	2 nd /3 rd Grade Social Studies
	1 st -2 nd Grade Science/Daycare
Sue Amarasekera	Kindergarten Teacher Class # 8
Aixha Cojulun	Kindergarten Assistant
	Science K, Spanish K/4 th – 6 th
Ernamarie Sy	4 th /6 th Grade Teacher Class # 9
MaryAnn Gulay	4 th /6 th Grade Teacher Class # 9
	3 rd Math/4 th -6 th Geometry/Zoology
Ning Sanga	Assistant Class # 9
	Science - 3 rd grade
Courtney Snider	Computer Lab Instructor
Lydia Guerrero	Art Teacher/Daycare
TBA	Elementary Music Teacher

DAYCARE BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL: 6:30 – 8:30/9:00 a.m. & 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Morning daycare roll call for 1st – 6th grade students will be at **8:10 a.m.** and for Preschool & Kindergarten students at **8:40 a.m.** In the afternoon, roll call will be at **3:20 p.m.** for all. If you haven't signed up for daycare and your child is in school at these times you will be charged daycare fees of \$ 7.50 per day or \$ 100.00 per month. If you would like to add your child on the daycare roster, please see Ms Virginia in the office. Thank You.



Helpful Tips for a Successful Start

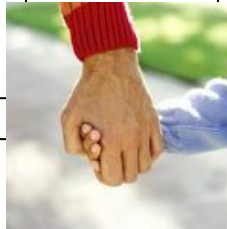


Good Morning!!

- Encourage your child to eat a healthy breakfast. Children learn better when they are not distracted by hunger.
- Skip the morning rush by having backpacks packed and clothing laid out the night before.
- **Be on time!!!** Giving your child enough time to greet friends and teachers as well as to say their good-byes to you will ensure a smooth start with the right attitude. Let's strive for 100% perfect attendance!
- A positive morning routine will not only relieve the stress of the early morning rush but will encourage independence.

Making Homework and Learning a Positive Experience

- Help your child develop good study habits by providing a positive & consistent homework schedule.
- Provide a quiet work atmosphere for your child free of clutter or distractions.
- Show your child that you are interested in his/her work by asking questions and keeping comments upbeat and encouraging.
- Take time to re-explain assignments if necessary.
- Go over homework with your child to ensure that it was completed accurately.

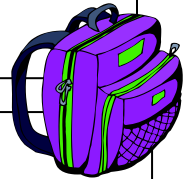


Separation - Preschoolers

Separation Anxiety is a normal stage of development. Tears are expected from our little ones. Our teachers are loving, nurturing, and experienced in helping your child to develop a positive attitude about school. Children need on-going reassurance that you will come back for them after school. Sometimes separation can be just as difficult for the parent as it is for the child. Take time to get acquainted with your child's teacher and communicate any needs or concerns. Remember, your child knows you and will take your lead.

- ❖ Talk to your child positively about school, teachers, friends, etc.
- ❖ Go over your child's daily routine with him/her.
- ❖ Be sure to say good-bye and clearly state that you will be back.
- ❖ Good-byes should be brief, positive, and affectionate.

Keeping It Together



Good organizational skills and success go hand in hand. Help your child develop these skills by encouraging him/her to:

- ❖ Keep belongings in their proper place both at home and at school.
- ❖ Label personal items such as sweaters, lunch boxes, backpacks, **homework** etc.
- ❖ Be responsible for his/her belongings. Children, not parents should carry their own belongings, store them and look for them if they have been misplaced.
- ❖ Back packs may be brought by the 4th/5th/6th graders ONLY.

Let's have a great year!