



Oneonta Montessori School

May

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MEMORIAL DAY – Monday 26th

School is closed. No child care.

CALIFORNIA ACHIEVEMENT TESTS (CAT6)

Tuesday 6th - Friday 9th

Students in 1st – 6th grade will be taking the National Standardized tests to compete with all students in the state of California.

Some important points to remember:

- Go to bed early.
- Eat a good hearty breakfast.
- Be on time to school.
- Don't be absent.
- Read every question thoroughly before answering.
- Check answers.



GOOD LUCK ONEONTA STUDENTS!

GRADUATION PICTURES - Monday, 5th

All Kindergartners and 6th graders will have their official pictures taken in school. Please return Grad. Form together with payment before picture day.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Monday, May, 19th - Friday, May, 30th

Please sign up so your child's teacher can discuss the progress your child has made throughout the school year. Progress Reports will be given to all preschoolers.

ART EXHIBITION Thurs, May 15th – Fri 16th

Visit your child's classroom & enjoy the creativity and imagination used to create these masterpieces.

MASTERPIECE FUNDRAISER

We made a grand total of **\$3024.40!!!** We will use funds to subsidize costs of all exciting field trips & in-house entertainment planned for our summer program. **Class # 8** sold the most & is the winner of the class ice cream party. Thank you to every single family that participated. We sincerely appreciate you taking time.

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK – May 5th - 9th

Encourage your child to write a note to his/her teacher to express appreciation for all the work she does.

ONEONTA STAFF ROCKS!

SUMMER CAMP

Mon, June 23rd – Fri, August 22nd

Summer Camp forms were just sent out!! Keep up with academics; enjoy all the exciting activities, projects and field trips planned for the 9 weeks of summer! With so many new children starting school, it is important that we receive the completed forms so we can place your child on the summer roster. Summer Forms are due back May 30th.

Summer camp payments are due:

- June 23rd (1 week) July 1st (4 weeks)
- August 1st (4 weeks)

Elementary Students: take advantage of the Early Bird Camp fees & turn in forms to the office before May 30th

School Tuition: The 10th & final payment for the school year tuition is due on June 1st & covers attendance until June 20th, the official last day of the school year.

GRAND CANYON TRIP - Mon 12th - Wed 14th

Students in Class # 9 are ready to set off on their much awaited field trip from Burbank Airport. In Arizona they will visit Red Rock State Park, Lowell Observatory, a Navajo Reservation, Elden Pueblo Archeological Excavation site, Montezuma's Castle and Grand Point Overlook at the Grand Canyon. They will also see an I Max movie on the Grand Canyon.

BOOK FAIR FUNDRAISER

Thank you for making our fundraiser a great success. We were able to add **\$1766.46** worth of wonderful books to our libraries. We are also grateful to those who purchased books from the teachers' wish lists.

STUDENTS! IT'S TALENT SHOW TIME!

Get out your fancy costumes, dancing shoes & show us what you've got!! Talent Show permission slips will go out this month; they must be signed by a parent in order for students to audition. 1st audition and cut will be on **Friday, May 23rd** & 2nd & final cut will be **Friday, May 30th**. Turn in slips as soon as possible and start rehearsing your routines. The Talent Show will be held at the Alhambra High School Auditorium on Tues, June 17th @ 5:00 p.m.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our wonderful moms a very Happy Mother's Day. We see what you do every day to make your child feel so special and would like to acknowledge all of you for your never ending commitment to your children!

Class # 1 – Ladybugs

As we begin the month of May, we hope we will all be able to enjoy warmer and many beautiful spring days as we enhance our sensory learning beginning with a taste of culture; we will celebrate Cinco de Mayo with yummy Mexican snacks. For Science, we will learn about the parts of a spider. In Geography, get ready to walk with us on a virtual tour in North America observing a variety of different animals on this wonderful continent. We are ecstatic about showing off our creativity for the coming Art Exhibit. We also salute all the men and women who died while serving the USA. The month of May also brings Mother's Day. Shh... We will be making a special gift for moms to celebrate a Happy Mother's Day!

Class # 2 – Dragonflies

Hola! We start May with a Cinco De Mayo fiesta; making & eating quesadillas! We will decorate our classroom with beautiful tissue paper flowers. To honor all our beautiful and wonderful mothers the children will be making a super special present. Shhh...no peeking. To finish off the month of May we will continue to learn about artists such as Vincent Van Gogh. We will take a nature walk around the block for inspiration since the children will explore nature and landscapes for the Art Show. We hope that you will be amazed as you enjoy our art gallery. It's that time to sit down and talk about how much your child has grown over the past year; so sign up for a conference.

Class # 3 –Honeybees

Our little Honeybees continue to blossom like lovely May flowers! We will start our busy month off learning about Cinco de Mayo with books, pictures, crafts and especially the yummy homemade tortillas they will make with their little hands. The sweet honeybees will buzz their way through North America as we introduce a new continent & find out interesting facts about where we live. For Memorial Day, we will visit the school library to read a special book and make time for an art project in remembrance of the brave people who served and died for our country.

Class # 4 Butterflies

It's fiesta time!! We will start off with Mexico's culture beginning with musica and a baile tradicional for Cinco de Mayo for our Geography lessons! We're making a piñata & corn tortillas (with real masa and a tortilla press). We can't wait to show you our masterpieces for the Art Exhibit and are already hard at work. Happy Mother's Day to all of our wonderful moms; the children will be hard at work making a very special gift just for you. Memorial Day will come just in time to provide a respite and time to remember those who have sacrificed their lives in military service for our great country. Thank you parents for all the lovely new books added to our classroom. Please sign up for a conference I can't wait to share your child's progress with you.

Class # 5 – Vangie

We're all set for the California Achievement Test which starts on May 6th and as we draw closer to the end of the school year, we will be busy wrapping up our class curriculum and making sure our students are ready and well-equipped for the next grade level. Thank you parents for all the wonderful books added to our class library. Looking forward to Cinco de Mayo. Happy Mother's Day to all our great moms!!! Don't forget to sign up for our upcoming Parent Teacher Conferences.

Class # 6 – Ms Courtney

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a wonderful Spring Break. We are getting close to the end of an excellent school year. The class will begin practicing for their Kindergarten graduation. We still have lots of learning to do along the way. In geography, we will wrap up our studies of the continents with Antarctica. The children will also do a unit review on all of the continents and the important facts we have learned about all of them. We will also study the parts of an Amphibian and the life cycle of a frog for zoology. Ms Vanessa will guide our study on Cinco De Mayo and help the class to make a fun craft project for this holiday.

Class # 7 – Ms MaryAnn

We are approaching the end of the school year and are very busy wrapping up all our lesson plans. Starting off this month with CAT testing, so please be in school early and refreshed. In Language, we will study the function of Prepositions and Conjunctions. Measurement will be the highlight in Math. We will learn different types of land and water forms in Geography. Botany calls for the Parts of the Stem, Seed and Root for 3rd grade and Types of leaf blades for the 2nd grade. Second Graders will finish off Vertebrates in Zoology and Nutrition/Clothing in History. Third grade will finish off Invertebrates in Zoology and the Fundamental Needs of Man in History.

Class # 8 – Ms Sue

May is a month of Fiesta, starting off with celebrating Cinco de Mayo. We celebrate our Super Moms and wish all of you a Happy Mother's Day. We also salute all our heroes who died defending our great country this memorial day. After a refreshing Spring Break, we will continue learning new skills; polygons will be our lesson in Math for kindergartens, and constructive triangles for TK. Kindergartens will continue in creative writing and SRA lab for language and TK's will continue in building consonants blends and multi-syllable words. South America will be our focus in geography; learning about the native Indians & famous landmarks is going to be so much fun for all. We are also getting ready for Graduation, practicing songs and speeches!

Class # 9 – Ms. Ernamarie

Students are in the last few chapters of their autobiography book & reports are due for submission on the 9th. Creative writing continues as students complete & compile all original literary compositions and bind them into books. Flowers are almost in full bloom thus, the Botany project is successful indeed! It is not all work.... Hello Grand Canyon! Students are very excited about the much-awaited trip to become a reality. **We have planned a parent meeting for Wed, 7th at 3:30 p.m. to pass out relevant information. It is mandatory that one parent attend.** The merry month of May, the world's most popular and best-loved special occasion is celebrated....A Happy Mother's Day to all our moms!