



# ONEONTA MONTESSORI School October 2015



**COLUMBUS DAY - School holiday**  
**Monday, 12<sup>th</sup>**

**FINGERPRINTING AT SCHOOL**  
**Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup>**

Permanent Impressions, a Child Safety Program, will be here to take children's fingerprints. Please make use of this service; an important safety feature that is highly recommended for children of all ages. Please fill out the form & return to office ASAP. Thank you.

**CAREER DAY**  
**Friday, 16<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 - 12:00 noon**

We are planning a very educational Career Day and are looking for parent volunteers who have exciting careers, & willing to come and share them with our students. Most children want to be a Police officer or a fire fighter when they grow up, but giving them an opportunity to learn about other careers as well, allows them to start thinking outside the box at a very early age. Please sign up if you think your career is one that our students will find exciting. We hope many of you will sign up and be an inspiration to our students. I guarantee you will have a great time! It will be in the morning and will last approximately 4 hours. Looking forward to a terrific day!

**SEE'S CANDY FUND RAISER**  
**Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> - Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**

It's that time again when we really need the help of our entire parent body. We would like to see 100% participation in our candy drive. This is our big yearly fund raiser where we use the money to purchase new materials/toys/equipment/etc for our students.

**PARKING LOT ETIQUETTE**

We ask that parents please await their turn to pull into a vacant parking space. Please set a good example by being patient. Remember your kids are watching! We ask that you also not park in the handicapped spot so that those who really need it may do so. Alhambra Police Department has been on watch and has given some parents tickets (that are very expensive). Thank you very much for your patience & cooperation.

**HALLOWEEN PARADE**  
**Friday, 30<sup>th</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 other businesses in our community.

*Parents, we welcome all of you to dress in costume and join us in the fun parade.* Halloween snack party sign ups will be posted so that there will be plenty of snacks for all. We ask that everyone be conscious of not providing candy, instead, bringing healthy snacks & goodies, thereby encouraging our students to be more aware of eating healthy! Thank You.

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

**RED RIBBON WEEK**  
**Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> - Friday, 30<sup>th</sup>**

Our students are 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.

**HEAR CENTER - AUDITORY SCREENING**  
**Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Preschool /K. Friday 9<sup>th</sup> - Elementary**

This is a free screening service that all parents should take advantage of. Identifying hearing loss at an early age allows for early intervention. Please fill out the form & drop it off in the office ASAP.

**GREAT SHAKE - Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup>, @ 10:15 a.m.**

Every year our school participates in the nationwide Earthquake drill to make sure we are prepared just in case the big one hits. We will stop, drop & hold on for approx. 15 minutes so everyone gets familiar with the drill.

**FIELD TRIP TO AMY'S FARM. Wed, 21<sup>st</sup>**

Classes #2 & #4 will have the opportunity to milk a cow, brush a horse, walk through vegetable gardens, pick vegetables, feed the farm animals & pick out their very own pumpkin. Here's to a wonderful day at the farm!

### **Ms Esther's Ladybugs – Class # 1**

We are entering the fall season! The Lady bugs will be learning about Nature; harvest time, the different colors of fall leaves and the parts of a tree. We will sail with Christopher Columbus on his three famous ships and discover the new world. The children will become more familiar with their body parts learning about the skeletal system. We will have a spooktacular month learning exciting Halloween songs and poems! Don't forget about our grand finale - the Halloween Parade! We can't wait to see everyone with their costumes! Children will use their imagination and be all they can be!

### **Ms Irma's Dragonflies - Class # 2**

As we sail into October, and the beautiful colors of fall we will take some time to observe the leaves as they change color. We will start this month off with the introduction of the globe as we talk about the many adventures of Christopher Columbus. This year we will be having Career Day which is a great experience for the children. We will continue to focus on outer space, specifically learning about the planets. The children will also be learning about the skeletal system which brings us to some bone rattling Halloween fun as we work on crafts and projects! We look forward to seeing all of you at our Halloween parade!!

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

The sweet Honeybees will explore their new season as we go on little walks to observe the change, texture, and color of leaves. They will also look at different types of trees and learn its parts. We will visit our school library to learn about Christopher Columbus and his three ships as he made his journey to America. In Science we will read many books and look at pictures on the different planets as we learn their names and what makes them look so different. With Halloween right around the corner we will prepare our little ones with many creative projects. A good time to learn their body parts with a cool skeleton project and skeleton song. Parents please join us for our Halloween Parade followed by a snack party. Happy Halloween!

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

...3,2,1 Blast off! We are off to another wonderful adventure in learning. With a new season, Columbus Day and Career Day right around the corner, we will be pondering some big questions like "What do I want to be when I grow up?" "What was Columbus's favorite ship?" and "why do the leaves change color in the fall?". We will also continue our studies about the Universe and our solar system as well as the Skeletal System for Science... but it's not all work and no play for the Butterfly class...we will also be practicing a little bone shaking dance and decorating our room with some great projects to get the festivities started for our awesome costume parade on the 30<sup>th</sup>!

### **Ms Vangie – Class # 5**

Fall is here and we are ready to sail into our October learning adventure! We start off with reading & Literature. Language; the 1<sup>st</sup> graders will learn about nouns, possessive nouns, verbs, and adjectives. 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will learn about different kinds of sentences, nouns, and letter writing. Math will include numeration, addition and subtraction problems, place value, and rounding off numbers. Cultural Science will cover Calendars & the Clock of Eras, water forms, earth and its parts, needs of a plant, CNC on plants and vertebrates. We are rearing to go!

### **Ms. Blossom – Class # 6**

Columbus Day, Cultural Day & Halloween are on the fun list of activities. This month we will be learning about Parts of tree/seed for Botany, skeletal system & vertebrates for Zoology, Cultural Diversity for Social Studies, & Earth's land & water forms including 4 oceans for Geography. Math will include addition, subtraction, numeration & place values. In Grammar, Nouns, verbs, & adjectives will keep the 1<sup>st</sup> graders busy & the Kindergartners recalling phonics. Reading will be a priority with monthly literacy reading projects.

### **Ms Courtney –Class # 7**

Happy fall to all of our Class # 7 families! We will begin our love of literature this month, by reading our first book. Please make sure your child brings their assigned book to class each day. Our curious Zoologists will begin studying their first animal from their vertebrate or invertebrate group. For math, our 2nd and 3rd graders will focus on addition and subtraction concepts, estimation, and money value that are appropriate for their grade level. Please join us on Oct. 31st for the Halloween Parade.

### **Ms Sue - Class # 8**

A month of adventure! Our little TK's and the big K's have adjusted well into their new classroom and are ready to set sail with Christopher Columbus into the 'New World', a lesson in History. We can't help but notice the change in weather; four seasons and life cycle of plants will be our lesson in Botany. 'Our Marvelous Bodies' will be the lesson in Zoology. We are excited to start our weekly public speaking activity this month for K. TK's will continue their public speaking on Mondays when they share their weekend and 'Show and Tell' on Fridays. Community helpers are our topic for social studies as we celebrate 'Career Day'.

### **Ms Ernamarie – Class # 9**

October already & the class is in full swing! Our 4th graders are adjusting & learning as they join the 5th & 6th graders & settle into their new routine. New sets of book assignments have been given for literary analysis and review of language mechanics continues in Language. Students will complete a detailed study of Asia, North America & Africa for Geography & the time line of life & man will be the focus in History. More quizzes, recitation and research work ahead will keep them as busy as bees!