



# Oneonta Montessori School

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER - 2019



## WELCOME TO ONEONTA – EVERYONE!

A great big hello to all! 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 very eager to meet all our students and parents and would like to extend a warm welcome to all.

## SAFETY MEASURES @ ONEONTA

For the first 2 weeks of school, entry codes for all gates will be **91801**, and **91801#** for the main office gate. After everyone is familiar with the access entry key pad, we will be changing the code. *We ask that parents pay close attention to the codes and not share it with anyone.* If anyone other than parents will be picking up children, they must buzz the office to be let inside. Everyone's utmost co-operation is needed for the safety & well being of all students and staff at Oneonta, so please adhere to this rule. Thank you very much for your cooperation!

## BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT - Friday 6<sup>th</sup>

This is a night for parents only and is **mandatory** for all parents to attend.

School Closes at 12:00 noon. Child care is not available.

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

**Preschool parents:** Pls be seated in your child's classroom by 4:00 p.m. Teacher presentations begin.

**Elem parents:** Please be seated by 5:30 p.m. Teacher presentations begin; Classroom rules, activities, expectations, requirements, homework, student assignments etc. will be handed out.

## CHOICE LUNCH PROGRAM - Starts Tue, Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>

Choice Lunch will start delivering hot lunches on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please make sure to bring lunch the first week of school as the lunch program will only start on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## PARKING LOTS

The lower and upper parking lots are open to all students for drop off/pick up before and after school.

**8:15 - 8:30 a.m. is an Elementary DROP OFF ZONE ONLY; parents may not park.** Thank you for your cooperation in enabling school drop offs to run smoothly.

## 2019 - 2020 ONEONTA STAFF

Fiona Emersley	Director	
Audrey Ray	Assist. Director	
	Teacher	Class # 8
	Elementary Biology	5 <sup>th</sup> 6 <sup>th</sup> Grd
Christina Salazar	Administrator/Soc. St	4 <sup>th</sup> Grd
Karen Romero	Pre-School Teacher	Class # 1
Jessica Cheung	Pre-School Assistant	Class # 1
Melinda Perez	Pre - K Teacher	Class # 2
Alondra Espinoza	Pre - K Assistant	Class # 2
Adrianna McEachron	Pre-School Teacher	Class # 3
Maiah Palumbo	Pre-School Assistant	Class # 3
Theresa Vidrio	Pre- K Assistant	Class # 4
Cindy Munoz	Pre- K Assistant	Class # 4
Lisa Cuellar	Assistant	
Gricelda Felix	Laptop Instr./Soc St/Sc/Art	
Vangie Gallardo	Teacher	Class # 5
Ning Sanga	Assistant/Sc #9	Class # 5
Vanessa Gavia	Teacher	Class # 6
Monique Hidalgo	Assist/ Sc/ Soc St #9	Class # 6
Blossom De Leon	Teacher	Class # 7
Carolina Gavia	Assistant /PE	Class # 7
Carol Muramatsu	Assist/ Sc/ PE	Class # 8
Mary Ann Gulay	Teacher	Class # 9
	Elementary Coordinator	
Christie Ong	Assistant	Class # 9
Cynthia Santana	Assistant	
Mr. Mario Hidalgo	Elementary Music Teacher	
Mr. Ray Choi	Elementary IT Instructor	
Ms. Joy Hsu	Mandarin Instructor	

*We are honored to be your teachers and promise to accept & treat every student with utmost respect.*

## CLASSROOM DOORS LOCKED 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m

On the advice from Alhambra Police Dept, all doors leading into the school will be locked during these hours. Please make sure your child is in class **before** 9:00 a.m. Please have a seat under the patio & wait until doors are unlocked at 3:00 p.m. if you are early. We ask that everyone please adhere to this rule for the safety of all. **The office entrance may not be used for drop offs and pickups.** Thank You

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

Morning daycare roll call for 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will be at **8:10 a.m.** and for Preschool, TK & 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 Christina in the office. Thank You.



## Helpful Tips for a Successful Start



### Good Morning!!

- Encourage your child to eat a healthy breakfast.
- Skip the morning rush by having backpacks packed and clothing laid out the night before.
- **Be on time!!!** Give your child enough time to greet friends and teachers as well as to say their good-byes. It will ensure a smooth start with the right attitude. Let's strive for 100% perfect punctuality and attendance!
- All children must be in their classrooms by 8:30 (elem.) 8:45 a.m. (pres.) as the school doors will lock at 9:00 a.m. sharp.
- A positive morning routine will not only relieve the stress of the early morning rush but will encourage independence.

### Make Learning and Homework a Positive Experience - Elementary School

- 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 up-beat and encouraging.
- Go over homework with your child to ensure that it was completed accurately.
- Read Student Planners (3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grd) daily for student logs and teacher comments.
- Make sure to follow up on dates of tests/quizzes/special assignments etc on Class Google Calendar.

### Preschoolers - Separation

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 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 will take your lead!

- ❖ Talk to your child positively about school, teachers, friends, etc.
- ❖ Go over your child's daily routine and encourage communication.
- ❖ Arrive in school **before** 9:00 a.m. so your child will have some free playtime before school begins. It makes for a fun start to the morning!
- ❖ Coming late to school (after 9:00 a.m.) is very disruptive to the entire class & must be avoided at all cost.
- ❖ 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 develop these skills by Encouraging your child to:

- ❖ Keep all personal belongings inside individual locker at school - (Elementary students)
- ❖ Label personal items such as sweaters, lunch boxes, backpacks, **homework** etc.
- ❖ Be responsible for own belongings. Students, not parents, must carry their own belongings into school and store them in assigned space.
- ❖ Back packs (small) are a requirement for all 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Back packs must fit inside lockers. Optional for TK & K.
- ❖ Lockers must be kept closed at all times.
- ❖ Expensive items (digital and other) are not allowed at school.

