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Dear Parents,

Hello and welcome to Room 6! My name is Ms. Vanessa and I have been a part of the Oneonta family for 7 years. I have completed my teaching degree and received my Montessori teaching Degree from the North American Montessori Center. I am thrilled to enter my 4<sup>th</sup> year as a lead teacher at Oneonta. I am a proud mother of two beautiful little girls; Kylie and Alexi who are also proud students of this wonderful school! Becoming a teacher has been one of my greatest achievements, facilitating and introducing the world to children is my motivation and I aspire to continue making a positive change in every one of my students' life. As Maria Montessori said, "the greatest sign of success for a teacher is to be able to say, the children are now working as if I did not exist."

The goal for my class is to help my students learn from daily experiences and increase their independence; physically, socially and emotionally. As we start the school year off with distance learning, my main focus will be to ensure that my students receive the same great quality education; one on one attention and the opportunity to get to know each other as we would in an in person classroom. We will conduct daily zoom meetings where the students will receive live lessons, instructions, and activities. Google classroom will serve as a platform for class work and daily assignments. Students will get the chance to interact with their classmates and share exciting anecdotes during our morning greeting time.

As we embark on a new normal and we work on overcoming these difficult times, I ask that we work together as a team to ensure the students have a successful and positive learning experience. Without your support, teaching during this pandemic would be impossible. I am always available to discuss your child's progress and to answer any questions you may have throughout the school year. The best way to reach me is via my email at [Vanessa@oneontamontessori.com](mailto:Vanessa@oneontamontessori.com) or via our school DOJO app. Communication between teacher and parents is vital to a child's well being so please let's keep the line of communication open all year!

It is an honor to be part of the developmental progression and individual growth of your child and I am eager to work with your children, create a positive bond and get to know all of you! Let's make this an excellent academic school year despite the circumstances!

Sincerely,

Ms. Vanessa