

Oneonta Montessori School

October 2010



COLUMBUS DAY - School holiday

Monday, 11th



FIELD TRIPS



FORNERIS FARM – Thurs, 14th

Rooms # 2 & # 4

We will visit the farm in Mission Hills. A tractor train pull, corn maze, farm animals & a pumpkin patch equals fun, fun, fun!! Children will get their very own pumpkins to take home. Wow! what a great day... Don't forget: jeans, hat & sunscreen!! 3 chaperones per class invited.

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM – Wed, 27th

Rooms # 5, 6, 7, 9

The students will visit the Museum and will tour the **Age of Mammals** Exhibit. They will also see the Spider Pavilion, Insect Zoo and the Dinosaur Encounter show. Students will have lunch at the Museum before returning to school. More information to follow shortly.

CULTURAL DAY

Friday, 22nd

Thank you for filling out our Cultural Survey Form. We are so privileged to have students from so many different countries; with such rich cultures and traditions.

We have planned a very exciting Cultural Day so that our students can be a part of this culturally diverse experience. *We ask that all students come to school in their traditional outfits and that parents please sign up for a food dish (enough for 5 people) that is typical of their country.* Signups will be posted shortly.

We have chosen 9 countries to be represented in the 9 classrooms. The students will make passports and then 'travel' to the 9 countries and learn more as they ask questions and see pictures, artifacts etc from these countries. After travelling around it will be a time to sample all the scrumptious types of food and drinks. Wow! Students, get ready to be a part of an exciting & adventurous day at Oneonta!

HALLOWEEN PARADE

Fri. 29th - 10:00 a.m.

Children may come to school in costume as everyone will participate 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 businesses in our community. Parents are welcome to dress in costume and join us on the parade. Halloween snack party sign ups will be posted so that there will be plenty of healthy snacks for all.

HAVE A SAFE AND FUN HALLOWEEN!



RED RIBBON WEEK

Mon 25th – Fri 29th

The students will be 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.

ELEMENTARY HOMEWORK

After our initial survey, the majority of you requested the download. Therefore, we are going ahead with it for this school year. Please understand that since this is new for all of us there may be some glitches along the way. However, we will strive hard to make this successful and we greatly appreciate your cooperation and patience. The homework website is: preschoolk-6alhambra.org

FINGERPRINTING AT SCHOOL - Mon, 4th

Permanent Impressions Child Safety program will be here to take children's fingerprints. Please take advantage of this valuable service. Pls. Fill out the form & return it.

USC MULTI ETHNIC PEDIATRIC EYE STUDY

There has never been a study for eye conditions for young children & the Doheny Eye Clinic is looking for Asian and non-hispanic Caucasian children from 2 – 6 yrs of age to do a comprehensive eye study. Brochures & consent forms will be sent home for your approval.

Ms Courtney's & Ms Irma's Ladybugs – Class # 1

October is a month of new and exciting experiences for our little lady bugs. We will be learning the different parts of the tree for our Botany lesson, and the children will get to go on a nature walk to find different types of trees in our neighborhood. Carving a pumpkin to help decorate our class, counting our bones as we learn about our body parts and a hooooowling fun Halloween party and parade are all part of this fabulous month.

Ms Christina's Fireflies - Class # 2

We're falling into October with some terrific projects to help us into our journey of discovery. To start off the month we will sail away on the Nina, Pinta, and Santa Maria to celebrate Columbus Day. Then to a bone rattling science experiment called Rubber Bones to help us learn about our skeletal system. Start saving those Chicken bones! October's grand finale will be Cultural Day and a spootacular Halloween Parade; Looking forward to all the great costumes.

Ms Melinda's Honey Bees – Class # 3

Our sweet Honey Bee's buzzed right through September and are eager to learn about October. A visit to our school library will take us into a wonderful adventure as we learn about Christopher Columbus & his three ships. Our little Honeybees will make a journey of their own as we read about children from around the world in preparation for Cultural Day; we are all looking forward to sharing some of the yummy foods mommy and daddy make at home. We fall into the new season with a nature walk to experience the lovely colors of the changing leaves. We will also make our own beautiful fall trees as we learn its parts. Looking forward to seeing all of you at our annual Halloween Parade.

Ms Audrey & Ms Charmaine's Butterflies – Class # 4

All adventurers on board, Get your telescopes and compasses ready... We're sailing into brand new territory for October; Jr. Frankenstein bone chilling lessons and experiments to conjure up, yummy cooking experiences and lots of fun projects to decorate our class for our spooktacular celebration!! The children are so excited about the first field trip of the year to Foneris Farms. We'll learn about the wonderful fall harvest and pick our own pumpkin to bring back home. The butterflies are growing so fast & having fun learning about one another. Cultural Day on the 22nd will be another way to learn about how we're alike as well as how we're different, just like the beautiful stars and planets in our Solar System!

Ms Vangie – Class # 5

As we sail into October, our classroom routines and rules are coming along well and we are ready to charge forward. Christopher Columbus' journey will be a part of our Geography lesson as well as different land and water forms. For Botany, we will discuss the needs and importance of plants and the 5 classes of vertebrates will be our focus in zoology. In Language, we will continue to work on sentences. Math lessons will be on: introduction to dynamic addition and subtraction, telling time and place value. Get ready with your Halloween costumes children!

Ms Dorothy – Class # 6

October welcomes Columbus Day, Cultural Day and Halloween fun. Our class will learn about the discovery of America, the calendar, water forms, plants and continuation lessons on vertebrates. Math will include numeration, static & dynamic addition & subtraction, expanded notation, missing numbers and sequencing of numbers. Reading will be high on our list. The monthly reading logs have been passed out, and our class is all set to soar! A very Happy Halloween to everyone!

Ms Amie –Class # 7

The 3rd graders will be introduced to the Clock of the Eras & study of the Seasons. In Geography they will start with the continent of Europe; countries & their capitals. We will continue with parts of plants & flowers for Botany & study Vertebrates for Zoology. The 4th; Fundamental Needs of man & the study of mountains, plains volcanoes, and their parts. Impressionistic Charts will be the lesson in Botany and continuation of the study of Invertebrates for Zoology. Our reading club has gotten off the ground & imaginations have started to soar as they engage in creative writing.

Ms Sue – Class # 8

October, Awesome & Spectacular! Having adjusted very well, we now set sail with Christopher Columbus & land in the New World & learn about the 4 oceans, Planet Earth, its land forms and bodies of water for Geography. Our Marvelous bodies & skeletal system with an emphasis on our hearts, brains & lungs will be our lesson for Zoology, & keeping our very own journal watching our bean plant germinate, our experiment for Botany.

Ms Ernamarie/Ms MaryAnn – Class # 9

We are working hard on compound & complex sentences as well as kinds of nouns. For Zoology, a review of the Human Body systems & Vertebrates. For History, the introduction to the Time line of Life, & for Botany, the Plant Kingdom. In Geography, the 5th graders have been assigned the continent of N. America and the 6th, Asia. Oral reports are due soon. Review on operations for Math and lines and angles for Geometry.