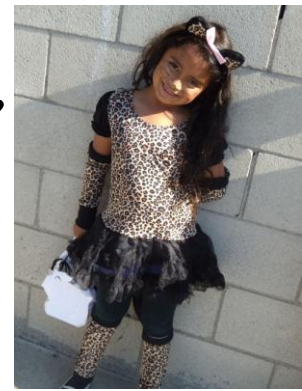


# ONEONTA MONTESSORI SCHOOL OCTOBER 2012



## COLUMBUS DAY - School holiday Monday, 8<sup>th</sup>



## FIELD TRIPS FORNERIS FARM – Thurs, 25<sup>th</sup> Room # 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.

## CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Thank you for filling out our Cultural Survey Form. We are so privileged to have students and staff from so many different countries; with such rich cultures and traditions. We want all of you to know how much we value all the different ethnicities. The different customs, practices and beliefs that are associated with each ethnicity are a tremendous educational resource for our students.

## CULTURAL DAY Friday, 19<sup>th</sup>

We are planning a very exciting Cultural Day for our students. We will be picking 9 countries that will be represented on this special day and contacting parents to be representatives. They will come dressed in traditional attire and bring with them many customary items to share: food, clothing, art, pictures, artifacts and other objects of interest native to their country of origin. Our students will be making their own passports & will carry them around when visiting the countries. Children will get to hear, see, ask questions & taste delicious food samples from these fascinating places of interest.

## FINGERPRINTING AT SCHOOL Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup>

Permanent Impressions, a Child Safety Program, will be here to take children's fingerprints. We are bringing this service into our school so that you could take advantage of having your child fingerprinted; an important safety feature that is highly recommended for all children. Please fill out the form & return it the office if interested.

## HALLOWEEN PARADE Wed, 31<sup>st</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 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 healthy snacks for all.

**HAVE A SAFE AND FUN HALLOWEEN!**

## RED RIBBON WEEK Mon, 22<sup>nd</sup> – Fri. 26<sup>th</sup>



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.

## SEE'S CANDY FUND RAISER Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup>

Parents! This year we are going to complete the elementary playground that we had planned on doing last year. The new patio ran over budget and we couldn't complete both. We are also going to use some funds to buy equipment for a brand new outdoor play environment for the preschoolers under the lower patio. We ask that you please help us in selling as much candy as possible. We get a percentage of total sales & this really helps with purchasing fun stuff for our kids. Tx!

## PARKING LOT ETIQUETTE

Please understand that 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. are high traffic times and both parking lots get congested.

We ask that you please still follow the rules of:

**NO PARKING along fences**

**NO PARKING in the handicapped spot**

Please be patient & mindful of our students & parents walking in the parking lots. It may take a few minutes longer than you planned, but safer for all. Thanks!

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

What's brewing in spooky October for the ladybugs? Ladybugs will be making ghosts, pumpkins and owls for Halloween. We are learning about the planets for science and will fly to them individually. Get ready for Cultural Day as we learn about different cultures and how to say "thank you" in different languages. In Practical life, we will practice sorting with pumpkins, spiders, and bats. In science, we will learn about parts of the body, & why we need our bones. Happy Halloween

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

It is time for the spooktacular month of October! We have so many great activities planned for the month. To start, we will be celebrating National Hispanic month by creating an Aztec Mosaic paper plate. To get into the Halloween spirit, we will be making some yummy cookies and cutting out bats to decorate our welcome board. We have been talking about animals and how things grown on a farm to prepare the kids for our fun filled field trip to the pumpkin patch on a working farm. Ms. Yvonne and I enjoy hearing about all the great costumes the children will be wearing this year. Please make sure to join us for are Halloween parade to check out all the great costumes.

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

The sweet Honeybees will explore the new season as we go on little walks to observe the change, textures, and color of leaves. We will look at different sizes of trees to learn the parts culminating with a hands on painting project for Botany. We will make time to 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 books & look at pictures of the planets as we learn the names and see how different they are. With Halloween right around the corner a cool skeleton project and song will help them learn about parts of their bodies. Parents please join us on the 31st for our parade.

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

Pumpkins are growing, bones are rattling, ships are sailing and we are going batty with all the fun we're having in room #4!! We are blasting through space and making a book to chart our journey through the Solar System. Christopher Columbus' journey will inspire us to learn more about the world we live in. We will use all of our senses; tasting, smelling, hearing, touching and seeing to learn about the beautiful cultures found here in our little school. Our first field trip will take us to Forneris Farms to experience the colors and flavors of fall. We'll learn about the wonderful fall harvest and pick our own pumpkin to bring back home. Bone chilling lessons, projects and experiments await us as we get ready for our Halloween parade...Trick or Treat!

### **Ms Vangie – Class # 5**

Our classroom routines are getting along well and we are ready to sail into October. Christopher Columbus' journey will be a part of our lesson as we get a quick review of the 7 continents, and the 4 oceans. We will cover land & water forms for Geography. The Calendar; and its parts for History, 5 classes of vertebrates for Zoology & all about plants for Botany. In Language we will continue to learn about sentences, its parts and consonant blends. Book reports will also commence this month for the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. Math will include numeration, addition and subtraction problems and place value. Get ready with your Halloween

### **Ms. Dorothy – Class # 6**

Columbus Day, Cultural Day, & Halloween are on the October fun list of activities. The discovery of America, the Calendar, Water Forms, a Bean experiment and Vertebrates will also be our topics. Math will include dynamic addition & subtraction, and we will continue learning about the clock & telling time. Reading will be a priority with monthly reading logs already passed out. In Grammar, the First Graders will move on to the study of Nouns, while the Kindergarteners will keep progressing with learning their Phonics.

### **Ms Amie –Class # 7**

Fall is here and we are all ready for our October adventure! We will continue our quest for knowledge by starting off studying Nouns in Language for the 2<sup>nd</sup> /3<sup>rd</sup> grade. In Math 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will do addition concepts & facts & 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will continue lessons in rounding off numbers & review of Addition and Subtraction concepts. In the Cultural Arts area, 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders will have a review of the Seven Continents and learn Earth facts, 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will learn Continent facts. In Botany, both levels are into the study of Plant facts. Zoology will be familiarization with different kinds of animals & the five classes of vertebrates. History; concept & value of time.

### **Ms Sue – Class # 8**

A month of adventure, awesome & Spectacular! Our little Pre-Ks & KGs have adjusted well to our class routine & are ready to set sail with Columbus into a lesson in History. We will learn different land formations & what is inside the earth for Geography as well as cultural diversity. 'Our Marvelous Bodies' will be our lesson in Zoology. We can't wait to hear our great public speakers as we starting our weekly Public Speaking activity this month. Don't forget to put on your 'spooktacular' costume and join us on the parade.

### **Ms Ernamarie/Ms MaryAnn – Class # 9**

Rules and regulations have been set and now we are on the go! We are working hard on compound and complex sentences and nouns in Language. Zoology focuses on vertebrates and invertebrates and main groups of the Plant Kingdom for Botany. For Geography, students will study in detail their assigned continents. They will learn the Time of Life and Sumerians Gods and Goddesses for History. Mastery on operations for Math and angles for Geometry.