

ONEONTA MONTESSORI School October 2014



COLUMBUS DAY - School holiday Monday, 13th

PARKING LOT ETIQUETTE

We ask that parents please be patient and await your 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 do 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 cooperation.

FINGERPRINTING AT SCHOOL - Tuesday, 7th

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. Pls fill out form & return to office .

CULTURAL DAY - Friday, 17th

We are planning a very exciting Cultural Day at Oneonta and would like all our students to come dressed in cultural attire. We are privileged to have students & staff from so many different countries with such rich cultures and traditions. The different customs, practices & beliefs that are associated with each ethnicity are a tremendous educational resource for all. For Cultural Day we have chosen 10 countries to be represented and will request our parents to be the guest speakers. We will give you valuable information about what to bring and what is expected on Cultural day so that you will be well prepared. We want everyone to know how much we value all the different ethnicities at Oneonta and Cultural Day is one way for all of us to learn more. Here's looking forward to a terrific day!

SEE'S CANDY FUND RAISER

Friday, October 27th - Friday, November 14th

We would like to see 100% participation in our candy drive. We get a percentage of total sales & this really helps with buying special items for our kids. Thanks!



HALLOWEEN PARADE Friday, 31st - 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 we will 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 snacks for all. We ask that everyone be conscious of not providing too much candy, instead, bringing healthy snacks & goodies, thereby encouraging our students to be more aware of eating healthy! Thanks.

HAVE A SAFE AND FUN HALLOWEEN!

RED RIBBON WEEK Monday, 20th - Friday, 24th.

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.

YOGI BEAR SCHOOL HOUSE Wednesday, 9th

Children will be able to feel what a real earthquake is like when they sit inside a trailer that will simulate an EQ of 3.5 point magnitude. This will give our children awareness and the importance of knowing what to do if the big one comes.

GREAT SHAKE - October 16th

Every year our school participates in the nationwide Earthquake drill to make sure our students are prepared just in case!! We will stop, drop and hold on for approximately 10 minutes so children are familiar with the drill.

NEW SCHOOL YEAR.

We have started the year off well and are looking forward to seeing all our students grow and flourish at Oneonta. Please stop by the office if there is anything we can do to help make this an amazing year for your family.

Ms Esther's Ladybugs – Class # 1

We are entering the fall season! The children will be learning about harvest time and the different colors of fall, through exciting songs and poems. For this month of October, we will explore Christopher Columbus and his three famous ships. The children will become more familiar with their body parts, parts of a tree, and nature. We will have a spooktacular month; therefore, don't forget about our grand finale – the Halloween Parade! I can't wait to see everyone with their costumes! Children will use their imagination and be anything 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 and talk about the many adventures of Christopher Columbus and his famous three ships. The children will be learning about the skeletal system which brings us to some bone rattling Halloween fun as we work on special crafts, projects and spooky songs. Please make sure to join us for our Halloween parade to take pictures and check out all the great costumes. Happy Halloween Everyone!

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 on a wonderful sailing adventure as we learn about Christopher Columbus and his three ships. Our little Honey bees will make a journey of their own as we read about children from around the world in preparation for Cultural Day. Learning about the season, fall; we will go on a nature walk to experience the lovely colors of the changing leaves and to collect some for a collage. We will also learn about the importance of trees and their parts. Hope to see you all on Halloween!

Ms Audrey's Butterflies – Class # 4

To infinity and beyond! October is a whole new adventure as we journey through the Solar System and learn about the inner planets. Columbus' incredible journey will inspire us and Cultural Day is right around the corner to further inspire us to dream about fantastic adventures traveling the world. There are so many bone chilling lessons, projects and experiments ahead of us as we get ready for our annual Halloween parade...don't forget to come in your best costume!!Trick or Treat! Pumpkins are growing, bones are rattling, ships are sailing and we are going batty with all the fun we're having in # 4. A very happy Halloween everyone!

Ms Vangie – Class # 5

Our classroom routines are coming along well and we are ready to set sail for our October adventure!!! Our Geography lessons will include Christopher Columbus' voyage to America, and different water forms. Calendar, days of the week and months of the year for History, classes of vertebrates for zoology, needs of plants and Plant Experiment for Botany. In Math, numbers before, between and after, telling time, comparing ($< = >$), place value up to thousands, and 1 – 2 digit subtraction with regrouping. ABC order of words, nouns, sentence / phrase for Language. Whew!!! Come and join us on our Halloween Parade !!!

Ms. Blossom – Class # 6

Our children are preparing for an exciting October month with new songs and poems to spice up our spooky kids. This month we will be learning about parts of the seed and tree for Botany, Skeletal system for Zoology, Cultural Diversity for Social Studies, and Earth's land and water including 4 oceans for Geography. Along with some beautiful art work for Halloween and autumn, our class will be learning about Christopher Columbus. Halloween is coming, please join us for the Halloween Parade on October 31st at 10:00am!

Ms Courtney –Class # 7

We begin Literature Analysis study this month. 2nd grade will read *The Littles*, 3rd *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes*, & learn how to identify character traits, sequence of events, & other elements of literature. In math, we will continue studying rounding off numbers & telling time. 3rd grade will be finishing study of Cnidarians & begin working on an animal research project for Zoology. They will use their laptops & orally present their findings at the end of the month. 2nd grade will study parts of the fish. They will explore the different habits (salt/fresh water) and discover the various types of fish that live in these environments.

Ms Virginia– Class # 8

I am so delighted to be teaching your little ones, I have so many wonderful lessons & activities planned. October is a spooktacular month for Room 8 boys & ghouls. Studies on the lifecycle of a plant & learning about the seasons in Botany & as we come up on Columbus Day, learning about his journey. All these wonderful adventures will tie together as we learn about the 4 oceans & land and water forms in Geography. Make no bones about it, we will be learning about the skeletal system in Zoology & about our organs and their functions. The month of October brings us some good fun from all over the world with Cultural Day on the 17th.

Ms Ernamarie – Class # 9

Energetic and enthusiastic room 9 students are ready for challenging work ahead. Order of operation and angle forms for math and geometry and skeletal system, vertebrates and invertebrates for zoology. Lectures and discussions about the Middle East, West and Central Africa and the United States for Geography. History continues with the vertical study of the needs of man and horizontal presentation on religion, philosophy, arts, physical health and social acceptance.