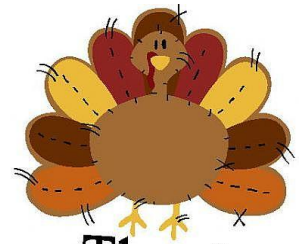




ONEONTA Montessori School

November 2014



Happy Thanksgiving

*School Holidays: Veteran's Day - Tuesday 11th
Thanksgiving - Thursday, 27th, Friday 28th*

ANNUAL SEES CANDY FUND RAISER

Fri, October 24th - Fri, November 14th

Forms have been sent out and we are hoping **ALL** our parents get involved in selling Sees candy to help us achieve our goal of raising \$13, 000.

- Please take candy forms to work & take orders from coworkers.
- Take orders from family and friends
- If you operate your own business; ordering Sees for all your customers is a good way to say Thank You @ Christmas.

SUMMARY SHEET is due back on: **Friday, 14th** with the money (cash and checks). Checks made out to: **Oneonta Montessori School.**

SEES COLORED FLIERS: *to be kept with you.*
You will need the flyers (with names) for distribution.

*Candy will be delivered & ready for pick up on:
THURSDAY, DEC 4TH.*

Student with the highest sales will receive:
\$200.00 tuition credit and a \$50.00 gift certificate to Toys R Us.

Students with sales totaling over \$ 700.00:
Will be treated to a special lunch.

Class with the highest student participation:
Will have a pizza & ice cream party.

Winners' names will be posted in the December newsletter. We have always had a wonderful response from all our parents and are counting on you once again to help us this year. Thank you for your continued support.

ONEONTA STUDENT BODY

Our student body census this school year comprises of: 40% Asian, 32% Hispanic, 19% Caucasian and 9% other. As per our survey this year, our students and staff ethnic backgrounds indicate they hail from **42** countries. We value our diversity and believe each culture is unique. We are determined to teach our students to be inclusive and to learn each other's customs & traditions. Thanks for filling out survey.

THANKSGIVING POTLUCK

Wed, 26th, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Parents, please join us for our annual Thanksgiving luncheon. This is a time of togetherness and a time to be thankful for everything we have. We would love to see all of you at the luncheon, so please make an extra attempt to join in. Potluck sign ups will be posted in each classroom shortly. We need one special volunteer from each class to roast the turkey, which the school will provide. We hope to see all of you on the 26th! A Happy Thanksgiving to all!

LOCK DOWN DRILL.

Wed, November 12th

We practice this drill just in case our school has to lock down due to any unavoidable circumstances. We want the children to get used to the words "Lock Down" which is the command they have to listen for to get down on their knees crawl to their designated safe zones & wait for instructions.

FIELD TRIP TO CABRILLO BEACH

Wed, November 5th

Students in class # 7 and # 9 will be going on this trip to study about ocean life and habitats. Students will get to touch and learn about how animals have adapted to different types of ocean habitats such as tide pools, salt marshes etc. All students (even those on the hot lunch program) must bring a sack lunch. Green shirts and sun block must be applied at home.

BOX TOPS

Look for Box Tops for Education on Cereal, Hanes, Ziploc & other products. Keep collecting box tops all year long. Turn box tops in to the big brown box in the computer lab. Thank You for your support.

SICK CHILDREN

When your children are sick, we request that you please keep them at home. It takes one sick child coming to school to infect all those who are well. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Ms Esther's Ladybugs – Class # 1

We are now in the month of November; wow, time flies! It's almost the end of 2014 and your children have grown so much in every aspect: academically, physically, emotionally and socially. For this month, we will be learning about different fruits and vegetables that are on the cornucopia. We will learn about turkeys and talk about Thanksgiving, Pilgrims and about being grateful. Join us for lunch on the 26th as we give thanks for everything we are very grateful to have, such as our wonderful children! Learning about good manners is also on the agenda.

Ms Irma's Dragonflies - Class # 2

November is the month of Thanksgiving and family reunions. We will work on understanding the importance of good nutrition by introducing the food pyramid. If you would like to help encourage healthy eating, please sign up on our healthy snack list. We will discuss the importance of Veteran's Day and the history of the Mayflower. We will tell our children the story of how the Pilgrims had to endure so much to get to America. Children will make their own pilgrim projects. Please remember to join us for our Thanksgiving Pot Luck on Wednesday, 26th.

Ms Melinda's Honey Bees – Class # 3

November is the month of giving and for being thankful for everything we have. We will begin our month by decorating some unique feathers for our grateful turkey board. The sweet honeybees will learn the difference between healthy foods and sweet treats. We will talk about Veterans Day & visit our school library to read stories about them. We will choose important service hats to make for our art project honoring Veterans. For Geography we will do a hands-on project with sand and paint making the Earth to reinforce land and water. We hope to see all of you at our Thanksgiving Lunch on the 26th!

Ms Audrey's Butterflies – Class # 4

November has come blustering in with all the beautiful colors and scents of fall! The Butterflies amaze us with their reading and math skills as well as their hard working attitudes. They are eager to start new projects and activities for November. As we give thanks, we start by thanking our Veteran's for their service by taking a walk to the Alhambra Park Veteran's Memorial on Monday November 10th. We are also thankful for our friends whose diverse cultural backgrounds make our class so special. We will learn about the first thanksgiving, making new friends, and counting our blessings. We are also looking forward to our Annual Thanksgiving potluck and can't wait to present our own little Thanksgiving play for you! It's time break out grandma's cookbook!

Ms Vangie – Class # 5

November is the month of appreciation and giving thanks. We will be focusing on adjectives, verbs, articles a, an, the, number of nouns, 4 kinds of sentences (introducing a statement first) and creative writing for Language. In Math, writing numbers in words, solving word problems, rounding numbers to the nearest Ten, and 2 – 3 digit addition and subtraction with regrouping. History focuses on the Year and its Parts, Land Forms in Geography, Care of Plants and Plant Experiments for Botany and Parts of a Fish for Zoology. Whew! Happy Thanksgiving!

Ms. Blossom – Class # 6

In November, we will learn about the parts of the tree and its functions. For Botany; Nutrition, eating healthy foods, for Zoology; about the animals and famous land marks in North America; For History, we look forward to our mini field trip to the Veteran's wall at the Alhambra park to salute our vets for Veteran's Day. Our kids will tap into their imagination while strengthening their language in public speaking. We are also going to dive into the history of Thanksgiving; the Pilgrims voyage to America. We can't wait to see all of you at the Thanksgiving lunch.

Ms Courtney –Class # 7

Our thankful 2nd and 3rd graders are ready to leap into learning! 2nd graders will study the parts of an amphibian and what makes this vertebrate unique and 3rd graders will learn about the Platyhelminth. Both grades will continue adding and subtracting money and telling time. They will also work on their awesome multiplication skills. We are eager to start our second literature book and engage our minds in the world of reading. A Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!

Ms Virginia – Class # 8

November is a month where we reflect on the many things we are thankful for. Firstly; thanking our Veterans as we learn about honor. We will expand our botany lesson from seeds and move on to parts of a tree. We will be learning healthy eating habits and the importance of a balanced meal exercise & sleep so our bodies can stay strong. Social studies will introduce some very important Native Americans, such as Pocahontas, Sacagawea, and Geronimo, and how their stories are part of the history of America. This will open up our month long discussion of Thanksgiving, the Pilgrims voyage and what the first Thanksgiving was like.

Ms Ernamarie – Class # 9

Our promising Room 9 writers are busier than ever composing different kinds of paragraphs & essays while completing their responses to prompts and literary analysis. Brand new books for literature will engage our students to a wealth of ideas, perspectives and insights. Students will learn about some of the great men & women in the arts, and sciences in History. There will be more lectures, discussions and quizzes in Zoology, Botany, Math and Geometry.