



Oneonta Montessori School

January 2020



HOLIDAY

No School Monday, 20th

In honor of
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

I Have A Dream



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS!

We would like to extend a great big welcome to all our new students and their parents to the Oneonta family. We are so glad to be of service; if there is anything we can do to assist you, please let us know. We have an exciting year ahead of us, full of fun activities and special projects. We look forward to working in close partnership with you. To all our parents who have been wonderful ambassadors and have recommended our school to other families, Thank you for your trust in us!

GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Elementary students

Our students have been working very hard to fulfill our high expectations; knowing what it is to be helpful, kind, compassionate and a good friend to all. Every month, a special treat at snack time, certificates and pins are awarded to those special students. We are very optimistic & hope all our students work hard & are able to win a Good Citizenship award this year.

SPARK OF LOVE TOY DONATIONS

We are so grateful to all those who made toy contributions to underprivileged kids. Your generous response to this charity was touching and overwhelming. We are so thankful for your partnership in making Christmas a little brighter for children who would have gone without a gift this Christmas. The children were full of the spirit of giving as they carried toys to the Fire Station next door. What a wonderful way to end the year! Thank You!

SPELLING BEE

Wednesday, 15th

The Spelling Bee elimination rounds will be held the week of the 6th - 10th. All students in 1st - 6th grade who make it to the final round will participate in the final on Wednesday, January 15th. Ribbons will be handed out to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners and a special medallion as well to the 1st place winner. Good luck students; brush up on your spelling words and do well in the Spelling Bee!

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Change of dates: Tues, January 21st – Fri, January 31st

Please take advantage of this time to meet with your child's teacher. The conference will give you an opportunity to assess your child's progress and assist you in effectively working together with the teachers to bring out your child's full potential. This is a great time to get all your questions answered. Conference schedules will be posted shortly; please sign-up. A progress report will be given out to the elementary school students. The grade received will be an accumulative score reflecting progress from September 2019 - January 2020. It is a special time for teachers and parents to meet.

POLICY WHEN CHILDREN ARE SICK

We kindly ask that when your children are sick, they do not attend school. It takes one sick child to infect all the children and the teachers as well. If your child has a *rash*, please do NOT send them to school without a doctor's clearance note. Please DOJO your child's teacher and inform her when your child is not attending. We appreciate everyone's cooperation, allowing all our students to be healthy. Thank You.

ALHAMBRA ROSE PARADE FLOAT

Designed by Gabriel Gonzalez



We hope everyone saw Gabriel ride on the beautiful float (that he designed) down Colorado Blvd in the Rose parade on New Year's Day. We are very proud of him! Thank you to all the volunteers who helped decorate the float.

A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

A very special happy new year to all our Oneonta families! May this year bring lots of cheerfulness and joy to all!

Ms Jessica's Ladybugs #1

This month is full of new and exciting adventures for our ladybugs. They will learn new practical life skills such as snapping buttons with the snap frame and buttoning with the button frame. In the language area, we will learn new sounds and make words using the large moveable alphabet. Our ladybugs will have fun learning about Asia as we travel there using books, map of the continents and create exciting projects. We will have fun experiments and projects for science and will also learn about the parts of a bird. Martin Luther King's birthday will also be celebrated.

Ms Melinda's Dragonflies #2

"HAPPY NEW YEAR!" Welcome back to a new school semester Dragonflies! It will be time for a class discussion about what we did over the break. For history we will read about Martin Luther King and how he made a difference by letting us know that we are all equal. For Science we have an exciting activity; what floats and sinks, as we observe different types of objects in water. Geography will be interesting as learn that there are seven continents & get into more detail about North America.

Ms Adrianna's Honey Bees #3

Happy New Year and welcome back! We are so excited to jump right into the new year, full speed! We will be learning about a very important figure in history, one who fought for freedom and equality: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The Honeybee's will be working on a class project that depicts the dream Dr. King advocated for! With all the different jobs and concepts our Honeybees are learning; we are making sure to take some time for class fun! Our class will be cooking a yummy snowflake rice crispy treat on cookery day! Make sure to sign up for Parent Teacher Conferences so you can see all the growth and progress your child has made since August!

Ms Theresa's Butterflies #4

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We missed seeing all those bright and happy smiles. We hope the Butterfly class is ready to spring back into action! Science and Geography are sure to be learning adventure as we prepare to explore the different Continents and Oceans around the world. The butterflies will be constructing geometric shapes, learning about nouns, adjectives, how to tell time, and so much more! We'll also be celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day by talking about his commitment to making our country a better place for all of us. It is also the year of the pig in the Lunar New year calendar and we will celebrate with a lunch party. It's a jam-packed month, let's start the New Year on a great note; ready or not, here we come 2020!

Ms. Vangie - Class # 5

A joyous 2020 to all! Our learning adventure continues as we welcome the year by learning about homonyms, more drills on nouns, (proper & common), and reading our assigned literature books for 1st & 2nd grade. For math, we will work on word problems, multiplication, 3 - 4 digit addition and subtraction drills. Cultural Arts lessons will be the Fundamental Needs of Man - food, solar system, parts of the flower, reptiles, and the continent of Asia for 2nd grade. Let's start the New Year off well, students, get ready for the Spelling Bee!

Ms. Vanessa - Class # 6

We hope all of you had a wonderful and restful Winter break! Room six is off to a great start as our Kindergartners will be getting ready to learn carry over addition this month! First graders will begin working on compound words, articles and contractions. In math we will be working on multiplication and Roman Numerals for first grade. We will honor Martin Luther King Jr's birthday by learning all about who he was and what he stood for. Chinese Lunar New Year will also be a topic we will learn about; the culture and traditions that come with celebrating this special holiday. Were thrilled for the amazing things in store ahead!

Ms Blossom - Class # 7

We welcome the New Year with luxuriant fun. 3rd graders will learn about verb tenses and homophones, & 4th graders, irregular verbs, progressive verb tenses and figurative language. Both 3rd and 4th grade will read assigned literature books; (3rd- Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane, and 4th- Rascal). We'll start the first few chapters at school and students will complete the book review at home. In geography, we will start our oral report on Europe for 3rd grade. Countries, capitals and facts about Africa for 4th grade. May the coming Chinese New Year bring peace, immense joy and prosperity to all! Let's get going...

Ms Audrey - Class # 8

January brings so many exciting activities and lessons our way; starting with the great Civil Rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.; the children will have an opportunity to learn what it means to be a courageous leader and model citizen. We will continue to push forward in our quest for knowledge as we study parts of a leaf for Botany and discuss the external parts of the fish for Zoology. We will also be learning about Africa and all its famous landmarks for geography along with some map work. In keeping up with the rigorous curriculum, all KG's and TK's are ready to work extra hard this semester mastering simple addition and subtraction in math as well as meeting their individual goals in the Language curriculum. Gong xi fa cai, as we celebrate the year of the pig!

Ms Mary Ann - Class # 9

A blessed and Happy New Year! Our enthusiastic students welcome new 2020 year with great excitement as they tackle more challenging tasks; unshaken, and with great effort, we will accomplish more! Language continues with assigned books for the literature, paragraph writing and grammar exercises. Math and Geometry lessons are on decimals, fractions, and integers. Students will keep busy with botany focusing on biomes and plant cells. The Time Line of Life and continents for history and geography will complete lessons for the month of Jaunray.