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Dear Parents,

Welcome to our new adventure of Online Learning!!! This is going to be a challenging but exciting year and I can't wait to get started.

I have been working as a Montessori Lead Teacher at Oneonta for almost 20 years teaching lower and upper elementary class. I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Education and have received my Teacher Formation Montessori Course at OB Montessori. I have been attending Montessori Conferences and Seminars both here in the USA and abroad.

Ms. Blossom will continue teaching Language and Literature to my students this year and I will be teaching all the other core subjects in this classroom. Ms. Carol and Ms. Christie will be teaching Social Studies for my class as well. We will work together to ensure that our students are happy and allow them to grow to be strong individuals academically, emotionally, and socially.

This year we have decided to use Google classroom and Zoom Meeting as our platforms. I know Distance Learning has presented many challenges for you and your family. This is not natural, this is not normal and uncommon but this is necessary. My goal during this challenging time is to put my students' minds at ease and provide them with a meaningful educational experience from afar. I will realign the lessons to adapt to distance learning and make sure that every child gets the best education, leaving no stone unturned. I will be providing the required daily assignments, worksheets and activities through Google classroom. These assignments need to be completed during their independent study time as per the class schedule.

Let's continue to face this challenge together. I will need your help and support to bring out the best in your children and this will require a good line of communication between us. I am always available to discuss your child's progress and to answer any questions you may have throughout the school year. The best way to reach me is via my email at maryann@oneontamontessori.com or via our school DOJO app. Communication between teacher and parents is vital to a child's well being so please let's keep the line of communication open all year!

I hope to see you all of you via Zoom on our Back to School Night on the 11th of September.

Sincerely,

Ms. Mary Ann