



Oneonta Montessori School

REOPENING PRESCHOOL & TK PLAN 2020



WELCOME BACK

We are looking forward to starting the new 'normal' school year with welcoming back all our Oneonta families. We are confident and eager to forge ahead and get started, so welcome back everyone! We are so excited to see all of you again!

DROP OFF PROCEDURE

Preschool & TK
Lower parking lot

- * Park on street.
- * Vehicles not allowed inside.
- * Adults & children must have masks.
- * Walk to designated social distancing spots & await turn at designated area by gate.

TEMPERATURE CHECK

Active Screening takes place

- * Temperature check
- * Basic Covid-19 symptom questions asked
- * Children get hand sanitizer and walk into building.

At entry, any children displaying any symptoms associated with Covid-19 will not be allowed into school. ***Pls do not leave until your child gains entry to school.***

During the school day, any children exhibiting symptoms will be isolated immediately and must be picked up within 15- 20 minutes. Child must stay home for a minimum of 10 days until symptoms have improved & are free of fever for at least 24 hrs without fever reducing medication.

OVERVIEW FOR ONSITE LEARNING

We want all our families to know that we have been implementing all necessary precautions to welcome back our Oneonta families into a safe and healthy environment. Our summer camp experience allowed us to set mandatory safety procedures in order to carry out a successful onsite camp experience. By placing a high value on safety and crafting guidelines, the children adjusted very quickly & embraced the new norm with ease.

MASKS

All students 2 yrs and over must wear a mask at all times except during nap time. All Oneonta staff members will wear a mask at all times on campus. Extra masks can be brought & kept at school.

MATERIALS AND TOYS

Sharing of materials and toys will not be allowed. Children will be assigned specific materials that will be sprayed with disinfectant soon after use and also at the end of each day.

Personal pencil boxes with classroom essentials such as pencils, pens, markers, crayons, scissors, glue sticks will be given to each child, solely for individual use in school.

LUNCHES

Only sack lunches (paper/plastic bags) permitted. Lunch boxes, thermoses, Tupperware containers etc are not allowed. Students must not bring any items that need to be warmed. Sacks will be disposed of after lunch and will not be sent home with any leftover food. Unopened factory sealed snacks can be saved at school for use the next day. Sharing food is not allowed. Choice Lunch, the hot lunch program, will start when school is fully functioning.

DISPOSABLE WATER BOTTLES

All drinking fountains are no longer operational; disposable water bottles must be brought to school. Water bottles can be saved for use the following day, only if unopened. We will recycle the bottles.

VISITORS NOT ALLOWED

No one other than Oneonta staff & service personnel will be allowed on campus. Please refrain from gathering in the parking lot or on the street in groups so as to adhere to social distancing guidelines.

TRAVEL

Any child, family member or staff member returning from any state that is under a stage 3 travel advisory from the CDC must not return to school until a 14 day mandatory self quarantine period has lapsed.

SAFETY STANDARDS

CLASS SIZES (ONSITE)

Preschool 12:1 TK 12:1

Children will remain mainly with their group all day. Classrooms have been restructured & configured to maintain social distancing; desks, tables, chairs and designated squares on carpets display children's names. Nap mats (preschool) will have children's names, will be placed 6' apart (head to toe) during naptime and sanitized daily.

OUTDOOR RECESS

Each class will have outdoor time during recess of 30 - 45 minutes each. Children will be closely monitored by staff so play groups adhere to social distancing rules. Play structures will be disinfected after each group uses the play ground.

CURACUBBY DIGITAL TOUCHLESS SIGN IN/OUT

We are in the process of having this system operating at Oneonta for our attendance/departure protocols. It is a touchless system and will be an added bonus in maintaining our safety standards. Parents will be given directions on how to access the Parent Portal and download the app. Information will be sent out shortly.

PICK UP PROCEDURE

Adults must wear masks at all times. Adults must walk up to gate and stay on social distancing spots. Preschool & TK parents must buzz office. Staff will use Walkie Talkies to gather & send children out to meet parents.

SCHOOL STARTS AT 9:00 A.M.

PLEASE DO NOT BE LATE TO SCHOOL

We ask that all our students be in school by 9:00 a.m. the latest. Teachers have class schedules to adhere to so please make sure that you have an early start so that all children are inside their classrooms at 9:00 a.m., ready to begin the school day. Thank You for your cooperation!

DAY CARE HOURS

To limit time on campus, our daycare hours have been shortened this school year; **Start time is 7:00 a.m. and closing time 5:00 p.m. daily.**

ONLINE LEARNING - PRESCHOOL

Families who opted for their little preschoolers to continue with on line learning will have a more formal schedule. There will be 3 Zoom times.
1st Zoom - Morning routine (pledge, roll call, songs, calendar)
2nd Zoom - Montessori learning time (presentation, sounds/numbers etc)
3rd Zoom - Afternoon Zoom Zone (check work, interactive activity, story)
Children will interact with their friends in school daily and be an active part of the classroom.

HAND WASHING

Children will wash their hands as soon as they enter school every morning. They will have supervised hand washing before and after meals, before and after recess & at 30 minute intervals throughout the school day. Hand washing for 20 seconds will be done while singing the ABC song (preschool) and children will use a napkin to shut off faucet.

HAND SANITIZER STATIONS

Numerous stations have been installed all around the school; classroom entrances, hallways and under patios. Children will use hand sanitizer whenever they pass these stations, supervised by the staff.

RESTROOMS

Only 2 children are allowed in the restroom at any given time. They will be taught to use toilet paper to hold the flush handle to flush. Toilet seats/urinals/handles will be sprayed with disinfectant after each use. Children will wash hands for at least 20 seconds after every restroom visit.

DISINFECTING SCHOOL/CLASSROOMS

We have always used a professional janitorial company to clean and sanitize our school on a daily basis. They will continue to do so with an emphasis on disinfecting all high touch common areas such as door knobs, light switches gates etc on a daily basis. Staff is in charge of disinfecting tables, chairs, mats, toy bins, materials & other high touch areas in their own classrooms, throughout and at the end of each day.

SAFETY FIRST - STAY AT HOME POLICY

We ask that parents notify us immediately if any student, or any of their family members, develops symptoms and/or tests positive for COVID-19. It is imperative we follow CDC guidelines about what must then take place. The student, any siblings, and possibly their classmates, will convert to Online Learning immediately. They may only return to Campus if they've quarantined at home for 14 days from beginning of symptoms or from when positive test was performed. They must remain asymptomatic for 72 hours and can only return to school with a clearance letter from their Physician. This policy also applies to Oneonta staff. Please understand the broad implications of the situation and inform us immediately so we can take the necessary steps at school to ensure the safety of our student body and Oneonta staff. Thank You for your co-operation!

STRONGER TOGETHER- LET'S DO OUR PART

We all want the best for our children! We all want children to be around their peers in a traditional school setting. However, due to circumstances beyond our control, must depend on experts in the medical and science communities to give us valuable information for the safety of all. Since even the world's best Medical doctors and Scientists around the world cannot predict the future of COVID-19, all we can do is prepare and plan to the best of our abilities. We know that this carefully crafted plan is subject to change at a moment's notice, but rest assured that if LACDPH mandates that school's must close once again, we'll be ready to transition all our students to Online learning.

We cannot predict how the school year will play out, but we want to assure all our Oneonta families that we are committed and prepared to engage, nurture and inspire our students whether they are in our classrooms or at home in your living rooms.

WELCOME BACK ONEONTA FAMILIES!