



ONEONTA MONTESSORI SCHOOL – 2020/2021 SCHOOL YEAR

ONLINE LEARNING RULES & STANDARDS

As we start the school year, all children will be learning online, and we kindly ask that all families abide by these rules in order to keep school time a focused learning period for the entire group. Students whose families have opted to continue with the online learning model through the end of the school year will be able to engage virtually in interactive class activities throughout the day with their classmates, and we would like there to be little or no difference between the students at school and at home.

There will be times throughout the day when the whole class will meet, and students are able to see each other on Zoom. We ask that parents are committed to abiding by these rules so as to maintain an educational environment conducive to learning at home.

Parents must:

- Provide student with a quiet spot with a desk/table away from the rest of the family to minimize distraction. The kitchen may not be the most ideal location due to cooking and temptation for snacking, etc.
- Not allow any family members to interact, distract, or be in the background with student while on Zoom. If family members must walk by, make sure they are appropriately dressed.
- Refrain from asking the teacher questions while children are in class. They must email the teacher at another time if they need any personal questions answered.
- Refrain from disciplining children while in class.
- Refrain from calling out to children or questioning them while in class.
- Make sure children are logged in at least 5 minutes ahead of time and are waiting for the teacher in the waiting room.
- Turn off all background music.
- Make sure Virtual backgrounds are turned off on computer/laptop while on Zoom.
- Make sure audio and camera are working properly. Check before class commences and inform teacher prior to the start of class if there is an issue, not when class has started.

- Keep family pets away while student is engaged in learning.
- Make sure children have used the restroom, have eaten, and quenched their thirst before they sit down for their Zoom lessons.
- Understand that children who don't turn in assignments and projects, don't show up for lessons, are not consistent with their work, have many absences and tardies, don't cooperate, don't complete the curriculum, will not get a letter grade at end of semester and will not graduate to the next grade level.

Students must:

- Be on time to start class every day.
- Must be logged in at least 5 minutes before class starts (in waiting room) for Zoom lessons, ready for the teacher to start class, not the reverse.
- Attend every lesson scheduled for the day; absences and tardies will be marked on class record.
- Be dressed in the school uniform; pajamas, sports clothes, or any other attire is not permitted.
- Make sure all necessary items such as pens, pencils, etc. as well as textbooks, notebooks, assignments, etc. are available on student desk/table for use immediately.
- Not eat or drink while on Zoom.
- Not leave the lesson while teacher is giving instructions.
- Keep Video on for duration of the lesson
- Not un-mute once the teacher has muted them.
- Not send personal chats to friends during lessons. Understand that the Zoom meeting is teacher time, not for students to engage in chatting with each other.
- Have assignments that need to be printed, already done so prior to the start of Zoom lesson. Messaging friends to send assignments while on Zoom is not allowed.
- Not write on screen during Zoom lessons.

We are counting on all our students to read these rules and conditions so that everyone knows what is required to maintain a good class structure at home. Students, thank you for your cooperation. We are relying on you to follow these rules without compromise. Thank You!