



ONEONTA MONTESSORI SCHOOL

OCTOBER 2020



INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY School holiday- Monday, 12th

It is a holiday that celebrates and honors all Native American Peoples and commemorates their histories and cultures. Indigenous Peoples' Day recognizes that Native people are the first inhabitants of the Americas including the lands that became the United States. It is celebrated across America and students in schools are made aware of their many cultures and customs that are still very much alive and practiced today.

CULTURAL DAY Friday, 23rd

We pride ourselves on being a Multi-cultural school and are privileged to have staff and students this year who hail from over 36 territories, regions and countries across the globe. To learn more about each other we are planning a very fun and exciting Cultural Day even while online. We would like all our students to dress up in cultural attire from countries of origin. Each child will bring one particular item from that country; an artifact, flag, musical instrument, music, food etc to show and talk about with classmates. In addition, 1st – 6th grade students will research & prepare a country report that they will present orally with details about; physical features, climate, flora & fauna, population, religions etc. The idea is to bring awareness of each family's rich heritage.

HALLOWEEN - Friday, 30th

Onsite Preschool and TK students may come to school in costume. This year we won't be hosting our usual big Halloween parade or the fun walk around the block for the "Trunk or Treat" goodies, however, we are going to make Halloween a fun day for the children at school. We will have a social distancing parade, trick or treating stations where kids will be handed out goodies, participate in songs and dances and have a healthy snack party.

We want ALL our students to have a fun day, so for all students at home, we are planning a very exciting **SURPRISE** as well. More information to follow...stay tuned!

HAVE A SAFE AND FUN HALLOWEEN!

ONLINE LEARNING

We are happy to get such positive feedback from many of our parents about the Online Learning instruction. Our preschool teachers are doing a great job incorporating both, onsite as well as online learning on a daily basis allowing the children at home to feel as if they are in school.

Our Elementary teachers have thoroughly mastered Google Classroom and our students have mastered it too, navigating it mostly on their own which is an indication of their ability and aptitude to rely on their own capabilities. Every class has a very advanced curriculum to complete per semester; Parents, thank you for stepping in when you feel it is necessary; we appreciate your willingness to do so.

GOOD CITIZENSHIP CERTIFICATES

This school year, we will continue to honor students in our elementary program who exhibit exemplary citizenship characteristics. Students will be awarded Good Citizenship certificates at the end of each month.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Jacob Barraza, Morgan Winslow, Miranda Liu, Jack Kuchida, Jonah Bui, Harleen Clark, Marilyn Kong, Brayden Chin, Heena Patel, Sebastian Milosevic, Hannah Martinez & Wesley Wang.

Thank You for being such good role models! Continue the good work; we are very proud of you.

GREAT SHAKE

Thursday, 15th, @ 10:15 a.m.

Every year our school participates in the statewide earthquake drill to make sure we are prepared just in case the big one hits.

We will Drop, Cover & Hold on for approx. 15 minutes so everyone gets familiar with the drill.

Every class will join in; all those at home will participate too just like we do at school.

Parents, it is a good opportunity to participate as a family. Please assign each family member a safe spot under a table. When given the cue, go to the spot, drop to your knees and sit back, place your head on your knees making yourself into a little ball and use your hands to shield your head and hold on to a leg of the table.

Ms Karen's Ladybugs – Class # 1

October calls for new learning experiences, such as learning about the fall as we explore the beautiful changes all around us. We will learn about Indigenous People's day and create a craft. Learning about our solar system is always fun and we can't wait for it to begin! We will continue to learn about feelings and emotions and how to express ourselves. Cultural day is soon approaching and our ladybugs will be learning about different cultures as they embark on an adventure to find out more about different foods, customs, and places. Halloween will be soon be here, a *spooktacular* month awaits!

Ms Melinda's Dragonflies - Class # 2

Our Dragonflies are so excited for this month of October! We will learn about the Indigenous Peoples' holiday by reading stories about Native Americans. We will explore the wonderful change in nature's colors as we approach the fall season and take a nature walk around our neighborhood. For science, we will learn about the bean seed & how it grows into a plant. For Cultural Day, our Dragonflies will have an adventure exploring and welcoming new cultures and learning how various people live, where they come from and the different languages they speak. With Halloween around the corner we will learn about the skeletal system and learn the bone wiggling 'skeletal dance,' Happy Halloween Dragonflies!

Ms Theresa's Butterflies – Class # 4

It's October and the Butterflies are falling in love with learning! Fall is here with all its beautiful colors, scents and adventure. We will start off the month by learning about a very special holiday, Indigenous Peoples' Day. What a wonderful way to prepare for Cultural Day as we learn to appreciate all the diverse cultures represented here in our little school through this very special experience. Learning about the skeletal system is sure to be a bone tingling good time; and exploring the 4 inner planets is sure to be a blast... We will continue to work hard on math and reading skills, but we can't forget all the fun filled dancing, decorating, projects and activities that will lead us up to a howling fun costume parade on Halloween!

Ms Jessica's TK – Class # 10

Fall is here! This month we learn about The Four Seasons that we are fortunate to experience (as not all places on Earth experience seasons the same way we do)! While we enjoyed exploring our Solar System and its 8 planets last month, we are now venturing back into the study of our very own Planet Earth's composition and features! This month is also particularly exciting as we celebrate each other's differences with Cultural Day! Here at Oneonta we place much significance in cultural diversity as it contributes to new ways of thinking, new knowledge, and respecting and appreciating the unique and different experiences of others. We will also learn about Indigenous Peoples' Day as our friends honor and recognize our first inhabitants of the United States. Halloween is at the end of the month! Hooray for a fun day at school!

Ms Vangie – Class # 5

It's October and our class work is in full swing with awesome adventures to keep us busy. Our first assigned literature book, creative writing, & nouns: singular, plural, and collective. In math, we will focus on 3 - 4 digit addition and subtraction concepts, word problems, expanded forms, and rounding numbers to ten. Leaves and its functions for botany and all about amphibians for zoology. For our upcoming Cultural Day, we will share our similarities and celebrate our differences in a positive way. We will dress in cultural attire and be happy to present our oral reports on the countries of origin. Stay tuned for our Halloween surprise!

Ms. Vanessa – Class # 6

October is a month of learning and appreciating the culture and diversity of everyone around us. We will learn about the Indigenous People's holiday and celebrate where we come from for Cultural Day. We will explore the change in nature's colors as we approach the fall season and observe the life cycle of the plant and its needs. In language we will be emphasizing on the parts of speech and what makes a sentence. In math our first graders will continue working on regrouping subtraction and rounding numbers to the nearest ten. Thank you parents for your hard work & dedication!

Ms Blossom – Class # 7

We are absolutely FALLing in-love with learning! We are excited to start reading our first Literature assigned book & collaboratively review each chapter. In Lang, we continue to learn the parts of speech; nouns, verbs, and adjectives. In math, we'll focus on addition & subtraction concepts, estimation, and money value. In Botany, we will continue to learn about the parts and functions of the stem and leaves. In zoology, we are motivated to learn the external and internal parts of Cnidarians, Platyhelminthes, & Nematodes. Just wait & be petrified for our SPOOKtacular surprise!

Ms Audrey - Class # 8

It's October and we are looking forward to smooth sailing ahead! Kindergarteners have made amazing progress with their reading and math skills; they have been adding double digits while working with the Golden Beads to understand the formation of numbers and their place value. Indigenous Peoples' Day will lead us right into our cultural studies for Cultural Day; what a wonderful way to learn more about our friends, their families and their culture! Wild Weather, Our Marvelous Bodies and Inside the Earth are just a few of the themes of learning that await us this month! Looking forward to some bone rattling fun!

Ms Mary Ann - Class # 9

Happy Fall everyone! We welcome the merry month of October with greater aspiration and zeal towards learning. Our math wizards will continue to hone their skills in solving word problems, fractions, decimals, and angle pairs in math and geometry. The study of the human anatomy and the five senses will be our focus of study for zoology and the Plant kingdom for botany. More writing and grammar exercises will be given in language. Don't forget! Literature starts this month, make sure you have your assigned book ready!