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Dear Parents,

Hello and welcome to Room 6! My name is Ms. Vanessa and I have been a part of the Oneonta family for 8 years. I am thrilled to enter my 6th year as a lead teacher at Oneonta. I received my Montessori teaching degree from the North American Montessori Center. I have my AA in Child Development and have received my Child Development Master Teacher Permit from the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. I am a proud mother to two beautiful girls, Kylie and Alexi who are also proud students of Oneonta. Becoming a teacher has been one of my greatest achievements, facilitating and introducing the world to children is my motivation and I aspire to continue making a positive change in every one of my students' life. As Maria Montessori said, "the greatest sign of success for a teacher is to be able to say, the children are now working as if I did not exist."

The goal for my class is to help my students learn from daily experiences and increase their independence; physically, socially and emotionally. These past couple of years attending school has been different for us and our students. We all learned to navigate online learning as well as teaching. We conducted daily zoom meetings where the students received live lessons, instructions, and activities. This year we are excited to finally begin school in person! Our TK students will be able to work hands on with Montessori materials, learn to challenge themselves and work as a group to build team skills.

As we embark on a new normal and we work on overcoming these difficult times, I ask that we work together as a team to ensure the students have a successful and positive learning experience. Without your support, teaching during this pandemic would not be possible. We may not be able to meet in person but I am always available to discuss your child's progress and answer any questions you may have throughout the school year. The best way to reach me is via my email at vanessa@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!

It is an honor to be part of the developmental progression and individual growth of your child and I am eager to work with your children, create a positive bond and get to know all of you! Let's make this an excellent academic school year despite the circumstances!

Sincerely,

Ms. Vanessa