



Oneonta Montessori School

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER, 2021



WELCOME TO ONEONTA – EVERYONE!

A great big hello to all!

Our students are back in their classrooms; hurray! Noise, chatter, laughter and energy will fill the air this school year once again. We can't wait to get started on this exciting learning adventure with all of you. We ask for everyone's patience in understanding that we must depend on experts in the medical and science communities to give us valuable information that will allow us to make informed decisions. Telebriefings with LA County Dept of Public Health have been a valuable source of information that has guided us through this pandemic; we will continue to adhere to the knowledge and expertise of doctors and scientists again this upcoming school year.

LACDPH is monitoring the Covid19 Delta variant situation very closely; if they feel it is unsafe to continue onsite learning, we will be required to revert to Online learning for the safety and welfare of every child and staff member.

If a child/staff member tests positive we will shut down the class for the quarantine period and that classroom will go on line; learning will continue via Zoom/Google Classroom until time to return.

MANDATED VACCINATIONS - STAFF

We are happy to announce that we have mandated proof of vaccinations for all staff this upcoming school year. We have followed the EEOC requirements & guidance in implementing the vaccine mandates. We understand the apprehension and fearfulness that parents have, especially since our student body does not qualify for the vaccine as yet; we are hopeful that a vaccination is made available soon.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT – Fri, Sept 10th

School closes at 12:00 noon for preschool/TK

Classrooms 1, 2, 4, 8 (K) Zoom at 3:00 p.m.

Classrooms 5, 6 (TK), 7, 9, Zoom at 4:30 p.m.

This year all teachers will make their classroom presentations via Zoom, including the preschool & TK classes since there are no visitors allowed. Teachers will send their presentations + information about the Zoom meeting ahead of time. We ask that parents connect with their children's teachers, get answers to questions and hear their plans for the school year. Hope to see all of you on Zoom!

2021 - 2022 ONEONTA STAFF

Fiona Emersley	Director	
Audrey Ray	Assist. Director	
	Teacher K	Class #8
Christina Salazar	Administrator	Office
Jessica Cheung	Pre-School Teacher	Class # 1
Melinda Perez	Pre - K Teacher	Class # 2
Theresa Vidrio	Pre - K Teacher	Class # 4
Vangie Gallardo	Teacher 1 st /2 nd grd	Class # 5
Vanessa Gavia	TK	Class # 6
Blossom De Leon	Teacher 3 grd	Class # 7
Mary Ann Gulay	Teacher 4 th /5 th /6 th grd	Class # 9
Carol Muramatsu	Assist.Sc/ PE/Art/So. Studies	
Christie Ong	Assist. So. Studies/Sc/Art	
Ning Sanga	Assist. So.Studies/Sc	Class #5
Alana Sy	Assistant	Class #8
Mr. Mario Hidalgo	Elementary Music Teacher	
STEM program	Stem N More	
Cindy Munoz	Assistant	Class #1
Neve Briones	Assistant	Class #2
Veronica Rodriquez	Assistant	Class #4

We are honored to be your teachers and promise to accept & treat every student with utmost respect.

PARKING LOTS

Preschool and TK students; park on street (front of school). Parents walk with children into lower parking lot, stay on designated spots, wait to enter through main gate. Elementary K - 6th; use upper lot. Parents park & students will walk to gate by themselves & wait for turn to enter.

CHOICE LUNCHES – Starts Tuesday, 7th

alacarte.choicelunch.com

Parents; please familiarize yourself with the above website & make an account for your child after which you can pick what your child likes to eat & place the order daily or weekly. Lunch is delivered in personal lunch sacks; stays in a warmer until lunch time.

UNIFORMS

All students on campus (TK - 6th) must wear the approved school uniform every day. Uniforms must be purchased from Apparel Collective **ONLY** as they are our exclusive uniform company.

Website is: ShopApparelCollective.com.

Phone Number is: 803-719-6260



Helpful Tips for a Successful Year



Elementary

Please read: School Year 2021-2022
Safety Protocols TK- 6th Grade on school website;
www.oneontamntessori.com

- Start the day off by; waking up early, eating a healthy breakfast, getting back pack ready with school essentials, wearing the school uniform and getting to school on time.
- TK & K will start each school day at **9:00 a.m.** and end at 3:00 p.m.
- 1st - 6th graders will start each school day at **8:30 a.m.** and end at 3:00 p.m.
- All students must adhere to the Behavior Contract that will be addressed in school and sent home for parents as well. We ask that parents please support us by making sure children adhere to it without compromise so that the school environment is conducive to learning.
- Google Classroom is our internet platform this school year for Homework. Students in K – 6th grade will have homework that has to be done on a computer/laptop/Ipad at home.
- Students in 1st - 6th must bring a laptop/tablet/Ipad to school. Days to be announced.
- Language, Math, Geometry, History, Geography, Botany & Zoology are the 7 core subjects that students will be graded on each semester with a grade key of A,B,C and 1,2,3.
- Special Subjects such as Science, Social Studies, PE, Spanish, Art, Music, STEM will be graded with a key: VG, G, A, N/I.
- Students must complete all class curriculum requirements in order to graduate & move onto the next grade.

DROP OFF/PICK UP

Please read: School Year 2021-2022
Safety Protocols Preschool on school website;
www.oneontamntessori.com

- ❖ Parents/visitors are not allowed inside the school.
- ❖ Parents must drop children off at the appropriate gates in the mornings. Children will be escorted out for pick up after school.
- ❖ All children must wear a mask at all times while in school, other than when eating & napping.
- ❖ All adults must also wear a mask when dropping and picking up children.
- ❖ Temperature will be taken, basic Covid-19 symptom questions asked, a tab of hand sanitizer applied, child will be escorted to class.
- ❖ All Covid-19 safety precautions will be taken at school. Read Fall Safety Protocols on school website for all details.
- ❖ Children may not leave school in the middle of the school day for any reason.

Preschool

SEPARATION

- ❖ Separation anxiety is a normal stage of development. Tears are expected from our little ones. Our teachers are loving, nurturing, and experienced in helping your child develop a positive attitude about school.
- ❖ Good-byes should be brief, positive, affectionate and consistent.
- ❖ Be sure to say good-bye and clearly state that you will be back.

LUNCHES

- ❖ No warm ups until further notice.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL DAYCARE

7:00 – 9:00 a.m. & 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

- ❖ Children may use the day care program for before and after school care.
- ❖ Parents may purchase a Day Care Card for \$75.00 on an as needed basis plan or the monthly \$100 per month for everyday use.

Let's have an unforgettable year!