



# Oneonta Montessori School

## October 2021



### INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY School holiday- Monday, 11<sup>th</sup>

#### SEE'S CANDY FUNDRAISER

Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup> - Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup>

It's that time of year when we really need the help of our entire parent body. We would like to ask for 100% participation in our candy drive. This is our big yearly fundraiser where we use the money to purchase new equipment, materials, and other resources for our students. In the past, we have used the funds to buy new playground equipment, rubber matting, lockers, laptops, and classroom TVs to name a few. We hope we can count on all of you this year!

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

#### CULTURAL DAY

Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00 - 12:00 noon

We pride ourselves in being a multi-cultural school and are privileged to have staff and students who hail from over 37 territories, regions, and countries across the globe. To learn more about each other, we are planning a very fun and exciting Cultural Day where students will come to school dressed in cultural attire and learn more about where their friends are from. From our Cultural Survey, we have picked 8 countries to be represented and will send invitations to those parents who will be presenters via Zoom. Students will have the opportunity to see what these countries have to offer--people, animals, clothing, landmarks, artifacts, musical instruments, etc. We will take many pictures and post them on class Dojo and on our website, so keep a lookout! Looking forward to a remarkable day of information and learning!

#### WELCOME STAFF MEMBERS

Ms Crystal & Ms Noemy

Ms Crystal will be assisting Ms Vanessa in the TK class. She has an AA in child development and has been the lead teacher in a preschool for the past 2 years. Ms Noemy previously worked at Oneonta for many years. She has her Montessori certification and has substituted since she left. Ms Noemy will be working part-time with Ms Audrey in the kindergarten class. We are very happy that Ms Crystal and Ms Noemy have joined our staff. Welcome!

#### HALLOWEEN PARADE

Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 a.m.

This year we are happy to resume our parade around the block to say hello to our neighbors. We, however, will not be accepting any treats this year. Children must come to school dressed in costumes as everyone participates in the parade. We are very sorry, but we can't accommodate our parents this year! Our elementary students will put on a special Halloween dance. We will record it and send it to all. Preschool performances will be via Zoom.

#### TRUNK OR TREAT

*We are looking for ONE family per class to volunteer to decorate their car (in a Halloween theme) and park it around the block. When our students go for their Halloween walk, they will stop by their designated car and collect a little goodie bag. Please let your child's teacher know if your family can be that special volunteer. Thank You!*

The school will provide a very special Halloween snack treat for all students; **please do NOT send any additional snack items to school.** Goodie bags may be brought to school to pass out to friends in class. We ask that everyone please include simple party favors and store-bought individually wrapped snacks **ONLY.** Thank you for your cooperation.

#### GREAT SHAKE - Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup>, @ 10:30 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 stop, drop & hold on for approx. 15 minutes so everyone gets familiar with the drill.

#### GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

This school year, we are going to honor students in our elementary program who exhibit exemplary citizenship characteristics. Students will receive Good Citizenship certificates and pins every month. For the month of September, we like to.....

#### CONGRATULATE;

Samantha Acosta, Matteo Talasila, Logan Vong, Naomi Barr, Nicholas Huynh, Jude Robles, Josephine Cuevas & Harleen Clark. Good role models!

### **Ms Jessica's Ladybugs – Class # 1**

Hooray! Fall is here! Plans are currently in the works for our Ladybugs' upcoming Halloween Spooktacular performance. It 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 be reading and watching educational books and videos as well as participating in activities to better understand and appreciate the different backgrounds of one another. This month we will learn about Indigenous Peoples' Day as our friends honor and recognize our first inhabitants of the United States.

### **Ms Melinda's Dragonflies - Class # 2**

Dragonflies flew right through September and are eager to learn about October as it is a spooky scary month. We will begin by painting fall leaves to decorate our fall tree in the classroom. We will learn more about the Indigenous People by reading stories about Native Americans along with a creative craft; a dream catcher. Our Dragonflies will learn about children around the world; different countries & flags as we celebrate Cultural Day here at Oneonta. For science, we will learn about the parts of our bodies and the skeletal system with a hands-on project. Finally, we are also excited to learn some Spooktacular songs and dance moves as we get ready for our special Halloween celebration. We will be sending the Zoom link so parents can watch our little Dragonflies perform!

### **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 adventures. 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 about all the fun filled dancing, decorating, projects and activities that will lead us up to a howling fun costume parade for Halloween!

### **Ms Vangie – Class #5**

We're excited for another funtastic learning experience this month of October. Rules are set and classroom routines are in place. We will start off with literature; A Fine Fine School for 1st grade and The Littles for 2nd, kinds of sentences, nouns, (singular, plural, and collective). In math, drills on addition and subtraction concepts, word problems, place value, standard and expanded forms of writing numbers. Classified Nomenclature Cards; Plants for botany and Fish for zoology . Looking forward to our Cultural Day on the 22nd. Happy Halloween everyone.

### **Ms. Vanessa – Class # 6**

Hello Fall and happy first day of October! Our wonderful TK students have adjusted to their new class and schedule; they continue to flourish as they learn to navigate the Elementary building. We will dive into learning about our culture and where our families come from for Cultural Day. We will also learn about the Indigenous people of North America in history class. In language we will continue to master the skill of writing and understanding letter sounds. In math, we will focus on number quantity to prepare for simple addition. We have planted a seed as we learned all about its parts in botany and we're now ready to watch it grow and learn about the parts of the plant. Halloween is just around the corner and we're excited to dress up, sing and dance to fun Halloween songs. *Lookina forward to all the fun!*

### **Ms Blossom – Class # 7**

It's time to FALL in love with autumn all over again... We have adjusted well and are ready to learn about different cultures and share our similarities on our most awaited celebration of Cultural Day. In Literature, we are excited to start reading our first assigned book & will collaboratively review each chapter. In Language, we continue to learn the parts of speech; nouns, verbs, and adjectives. In math, we'll focus on addition and subtraction concepts, estimation, and money value. In Botany, we will continue to learn about the parts and functions of plants and flowers. In zoology, we are intrinsically motivated to learn the external parts of Cnidarians, Platyhelminthes, and Nematodes. Guess what else is brewing in Room #7? Well, we have prepared SPOOKtacular activities and surprises for this month. Just wait and be netrified with excitement!

### **Ms Audrey - Class # 8**

BOO! It's October! Kindergarteners have made amazing progress with their reading, math and printing skills; they are working with the Golden Beads to understand the formation of numbers and their place value as we move into addition with double digits. Indigenous Peoples' Day will lead us right into our studies for Cultural Day; what a wonderful way to learn more about our friends, their families and their culture! Wild Weather, Our Marvelous Bodies, Inside the Earth, are just a few of the themes we will work on this month! Do not be afraid but this month we will start HOMEWORK!!! Get ready everyone; it looks like a great month ahead!

### **Ms Mary Ann - Class # 9**

Happy Fall Everyone! Rules are set and goals established, our class has settled in nicely and ready for more challenging work ahead. Our future mathematicians will continue to hone their skills in solving word problems, equations, and angle pairs for math and geometry. The study of human body systems and the five senses will keep our 5th and 6th graders busy while the 4th graders will focus on the external and internal parts of the invertebrates. Botany lessons will continue on Plant Classification and Impressionistic Charts. More writing and reading activities and grammar exercises will be given in language. Don't forget! Literature starts this month, make sure you have your assigned book