



Oneonta Montessori School January 2022



HOLIDAY

No School Monday, 17th
In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

I Have A Dream



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS!

We would like to extend a great big welcome to all our new students and their parents to the Oneonta family. We are so glad to be of service; if there is anything we can do to assist you, please let us know. We have an exciting year ahead of us, full of fun activities and special projects. We look forward to working in close partnership with you. To all our parents who have been wonderful ambassadors and have recommended our school to other families, thank you for your trust in us!

GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Elementary students

Our students have been working very hard to fulfill our high expectations; knowing what it is to be helpful, kind, respectful, and a good friend to all. Every month, a special certificate is mailed home to those who have been nominated by their teachers. We are very optimistic and hope that all our students work hard & are able to win a Good Citizenship award this school year.

SPECIAL MASK REQUIREMENT

Beginning immediately, students must come to school wearing an N95 or a surgical mask only. Cloth masks are no longer allowed at school unless worn over a surgical mask.

VACCINATIONS FOR 5 – 11 YR OLDS

There is now a light at the end of the tunnel; children as young as 5 yrs can get vaccinated & our schools will be a safer place for all. When the majority of the population is vaccinated and we reach community immunity, we can all go back to our normal lives, so let's do it for each other!

SPELLING BEE

Wednesday, 12th

The Spelling Bee elimination rounds will be held the week of the 3rd - 7th. All students in 1st - 6th grade who make it to the final round will participate in the finals on Wednesday, January 12th. Ribbons will be handed out to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners and a special medallion as well to the 1st place winner. Good luck students. Brush up on your spelling words and do well in the Spelling Bee!

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Tuesday, January 18th – Friday, January 28th

Please take advantage of this time to meet with your child's teacher via Zoom. The conference will give you an opportunity to assess your child's progress and assist you in effectively working together with the teachers to bring out your child's full potential. This is a great time to get all your questions answered. Conference schedules will be sent shortly, so please sign-up. A progress report will be given out to all elementary school students. The grade received will be an accumulative score reflecting progress from August 2021 - January 2022. Preschoolers will have an assessment form.

COVID-19 HEALTH POLICIES

With the new Omicron variant now being the dominant strain of the virus in LA County, we would like to ask that parents continue being conscious & informing us whenever our students come into contact with anyone who develops symptoms and/or is tested positive for COVID-19. We want to ask that you please notify us immediately.

The most recent updates from the LACDPH Health Officer Order dated 12/31/2021, as well as the most recent Information on Quarantine and Close Contacts are posted on our website. We ask that you please read them.

If you leave the state of California, please adhere to the Travel Guidelines that are also posted on our website before children return to school.

Science will always be our guide and we will continue to do what scientists and doctors tell us. So let's keep wearing our masks, washing our hands, and continue to social distance as much as possible.... We are all in this together, so let's continue to be vigilant and supportive. Thank you for your cooperation!

A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

A very special happy New Year to all our Oneonta families! May this year bring lots of laughter & happiness & may our wonderful students continue to be healthy & joyful! As teachers, nothing gives us more pleasure than to see our students' happy faces & lively personalities!

Ms Jessica's Ladybugs #1

Happy New Year, OMS Family! I hope you all had a safe, relaxing, and restful holiday! We kick off this month learning about the history and traditions of celebrating the New Year! We will celebrate and honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.; his life's work towards bringing compassion, fairness, and equality. While we are inspired by Dr. King's legacy of good citizenship, this month we learn about why it is important to cultivate good citizenship. For math we continue to practice numeral recognition and quantity. In geography we will also explore Earth's most largest and populous continent, Asia! Let's have a great start to the New Year!

Ms Melinda's Dragonflies #2

"**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**" Welcome back to a new school semester! We will start off with our little Dragonflies talking and making a drawing about their winter break and how they enjoyed it. In history, we will read up about a very special person; Dr. Martin Luther King, and his never ending quest to make sure we are all equal. In science, we have an exciting activity; what floats and sinks as we get to observe different objects dropped into water. Geography will be interesting as we talk about the seven continents and learn about the continent where we live; North America, its people and animals.

Ms Theresa's Butterflies #4

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I missed seeing all those bright and happy smiles around here. I hope the Butterfly class is ready to jump back into action! Science and geography are sure to be learning adventures as we prepare to explore different Continents and Oceans around the world. Our butterflies will be constructing geometric shapes, learning about nouns, adjectives, how to tell time, and so much more! We'll also be celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. It's a jam-packed month; let's start the New Year on a great note. I can't wait for all there is to see and do in 2022!

Ms. Vangie - Class #5

A joyous and healthy 2022 to one and all and a brand new year full of great resolutions! Literature assignments, drills on proper and common nouns, pronouns, homonyms, and writing prompts will be the lessons in language. Word problems, multiplication/ skip counting, and fractions will be the lessons in math. Cultural Arts nomenclatures will keep our hard working students busy. We will be learning more about the life of Dr. Martin Luther King and his teachings of being a good citizen. Looking forward to our Parents - Teacher Conferences.

Ms. Vanessa - Class #6

Welcome back and Happy New year! We hope everyone had a wonderful and restful Winter break! Room six is off to a great year as our TK's begin working on improving their simple sentences writing skills in Language. In math we will continue working on mastering subtraction and addition with teen numbers. In Geometry, we will focus on solid shapes. We will honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's birthday by learning all about who he was and what he stood for. In geography, our focus will be the continent of Africa. In science, we will begin practicing our science experiments and scripts. We're very thrilled for this New Year and excited to see what this semester has in store! Get ready to rock & roll TK!

Ms Blossom - Class # 7

Happy New Year! 2022 will bring us abundant fun and exciting learning activities to get us off the ground. We will learn about verbs and its tenses, prefixes, and suffixes. We will continue to read our assigned literature book: Charlotte's Web. In geography, we will start off by reviewing the continents and oceans. We are also excited to talk about our dreams. The New Year brings us new opportunities to dream big and relate it to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s contributions that continue to make a big impact in our present lives.

Ms Audrey - Class #8

Happy New Year; Welcome to 2022! We are growing future leaders in our Kindergarten Class so we're starting the year learning about courage, justice and equality as we celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. We are going to need that courage as we tackle dynamic addition for math this month as well as getting ready for our Science Fair. We will be prepping for our presentations and sharpening our public speaking skills for the big day. We will also continue to be amazed as we learn about the world we live in; focusing on Africa for geography, botany & zoology. The children are really on a roll with reading and writing! We are moving into learning about parts of speech and more complex spelling as we learn more about syllables in words as well as compound words. What an exciting New Year; time to grab your lab coats, goggles and let's go!!!!

Ms Mary Ann - Class # 9

Here's wishing everyone a very peaceful, blessed and Happy New Year! Our enthusiastic students welcome the New Year with great excitement as they will tackle more challenging tasks this 2nd semester. Literature continues with the assigned reading book, and language with paragraph writing and grammar exercises. Math and geometry will be lessons on decimals, fractions, integers and review of finding the area of different figures; these exercises will keep our students very busy. For zoology, 4th graders will learn the Comparative Analysis of the Vital Functions of Invertebrates, 5th graders will focus on the Respiratory and Digestive System while the 6th graders will continue on Animal Diversity. For botany, Plant Biomes will be the focus of study as we forge ahead with our lessons to conclude the first semester.