



OPEN HOUSE
Friday, March 25th



Our theme this year is THIS BEAUTIFUL PLANET: OUR HOME

This year our theme is a shout-out for help from our students to restore and help our beautiful planet to heal the damage that has besieged our home. By changing our behaviors, we can reverse the negative effects humans have caused that have impacted the environment in so many ways; overpopulation, pollution, burning fossil fuels & deforestation, to name a few. Changes like these have triggered climate change, soil erosion, poor air quality, and undrinkable water.

Our children live in a world of continuous wonder; they are curious and eager to lend a hand. They are viable ambassadors of Planet Earth; therefore, it is up to us to lay the groundwork to help them become problem solvers and advocates. Every generation is more knowledgeable and more aware than the one prior. This generation has endless possibilities; therefore, with awareness, education, participation & encouragement, our children can make our planet a better place for all living creatures that inhabit it. Creating consciousness about components that have contributed to the degradation of the natural world allows children to take a stand & do their part in conserving natural resources at an early age. We will examine what has impacted our planet through a host of engaging learning activities in History, Geography, Social Studies, Science, Art, Music, Math, Reading, Language, and just good ol' fashioned fun.

Parents, we are sorry we are unable to invite you on campus. However, that will not stop our students from showing off their accomplishments and sharing their world of learning with you. Preschool and TK Teachers will videotape; 'A Day in the Life of a Preschooler/TK Students' showcasing all activities, group, and individual, that comprise a day at Oneonta. Elementary Teachers, K- 6th grade, will videotape student presentations as well as group activities.

Children have chosen special Montessori jobs to present; these materials demonstrate the many facets of concept learning used in our classrooms, which helps children learn concrete awareness of the world around them. Children will introduce themselves & the materials and go on to explain their importance and purpose, displaying their knowledge and confidence in public speaking.

Once class videos are compiled, they will be sent home on Friday, 25th. We ask that you please take the time to watch the video at home together with your child. We ask that you watch carefully, ask questions, listen to their words of wisdom, and discover what an important role the Montessori philosophy & the carefully prepared environment has contributed to your child's overall achievement. Make sure to comment about their enthusiasm, keenness, and love for learning as you watch them display their skills so confidently. We also ask that you please compliment their work with positive, encouraging words.

We are extremely proud of all our students. We are confident you will feel the same when you observe the competence & proficiency displayed in their knowledge of the materials, as well as the amazing power of concentration that they have so skillfully mastered.

Thank You. Let's make this unprecedented Open House a success!