



# Oneonta Montessori School

## January 2023



### HOLIDAY

**No School Monday, 16<sup>th</sup>**

In honor of

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

*I Have A Dream*



*Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*

### SPELLING BEE

**Change of date: Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup>**

All students in 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade will participate in the final on Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. Ribbons will be handed out to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners and a special medallion as well to the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner.

Good luck students; brush up on your spelling words and do well in the Spelling Bee!

### PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

**Tues, January 17<sup>th</sup> – Fri, January 27<sup>th</sup>**

Please take advantage of this time to meet with your child's teacher. 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 posted shortly; please sign-up. A progress report will be given out to the elementary school students. The grade received will be an accumulative score reflecting progress from September 2022 - January 2023. It is a special time for teachers and parents to meet.

### 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!

### POLICY WHEN CHILDREN ARE SICK

We kindly ask that when your children are sick, they do not attend school. It takes one sick child to infect all the children and the teachers as well. If your child has a *rash*, please do NOT send them to school without a doctor's clearance note. Please DOJO your child's teacher and inform her when your child is not attending. We appreciate everyone's cooperation, allowing all our students to be healthy. Thank You.

### 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, compassionate and a good friend to all. Every month, a special treat at snack time, certificates and pins are awarded to those special students. We are very optimistic & hope all our students work hard & are able to win a Good Citizenship award this year.

### A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

A very special happy new year to all our Oneonta families! May this year bring lots of cheerfulness and joy to all!

### GONG HAY FAT CHOY

This is the year of the Rabbit in the Lunar New Year calendar. Children born under the sign of the rabbit are gentle, sensitive, compassionate, amiable, modest and merciful, and have a strong memory. They like to communicate with others in a humorous manner. They cannot bear a dull life, so they are good at creating an interesting world for themselves and others.

### SPARK OF LOVE TOY DONATIONS

We are so grateful to all those who made toy contributions to underprivileged kids. Your generous response to this charity was touching and overwhelming. We are so thankful for your partnership in making Christmas a little brighter for children who would have gone without a gift this Christmas. The children were full of the spirit of giving as they carried toys to the Fire Station next door. What a wonderful way to end the year! Thank You!

### CLASS DOJO EMAILS

It is our school policy to only add parent's/guardian's emails to our Class Dojo accounts. It is not possible to keep up with any other emails due to so many changes in family dynamics. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

### **Ms Karen's Ladybugs #1**

Happy New Year! Welcome back, ladybugs! I hope this New Year brings you lots of joy, happiness and good health. Our sweet ladybugs will kick off the New Year learning new practical life skills such as snapping and buttoning. We will virtually travel to Asia and create new and exciting projects. We will also have fun experimenting and making amazing projects for science and will also learn about the parts of a bird. Martin Luther King's birthday is this month; our ladybugs will take a trip to our school library to learn all about him by reading stories and watching educational videos. We are thrilled for the New Year and to be back at school! ☺

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

**"HAPPY NEW YEAR!"** Welcome back to a new school semester Dragonflies! It will be time for a class discussion about what we did over the winter break. For history we will read about Martin Luther King and how he made a difference by letting us know that we are all equal. For Science we have an exciting activity; what floats and sinks, as we observe different types of objects in water. Geography will be interesting as learn that there are seven continents & get into more detail about North America. Our precious Dragonflies are ready to fly!

### **Ms Christina's Honey Bees #3**

Happy New Year and welcome back! We are so excited to jump right into the New Year, full speed! We will be learning about a very important figure in history, one who fought for freedom and equality: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The Honeybee's will be working on a class project that depicts the dream Dr. King advocated for! With all the different jobs and concepts our Honeybees are learning; we are making sure to take some time for class fun! Watch out 2023 here come the Honey Bees!

### **Ms Theresa's Butterflies #4**

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a wonderful time over the holidays and are now ready to settle back down & go full steam ahead! I missed seeing all those bright and happy smiles around here. I hope my Butterfly friends are 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; ready or not, 2023 here we come!

### **Ms. Vangie - Class # 5**

Welcome to the beginning of another new year! A joyous 2023 to all! We are ready to kick off the year by learning verbs and its tenses, prefixes and suffixes, pronouns, and homonyms. We will continue to read our assigned literature books as well. In math, we will round numbers, learn Roman Numerals and drills on the 4 operations. Cultural Arts nomenclature will keep our hard working students busy. We will discuss the life of Dr. Martin Luther King and his dream that everyone be treated equal. Looking forward to our first conference with you, dear parents.

### **Ms. Vanessa - Class # 6**

Welcome back and Happy New year! We hope you all had a wonderful and restful Winter break! Room six is off to a great year as our Kindergartener's begin their lesson on addition and subtraction with thousands and TK is introduced to 10's and Hundreds. In Language, Kindergarten will continue to strengthen their reading and answering question for comprehension. TK will work on Language boxes to master word building. We will honor Martin Luther King Jr's birthday by learning all about who he was and what he stood for. We're very thrilled for this New Year and excited to see what it has in store!

### **Ms Blossom - Class # 7**

Happy New Year! 2023 will bring us luxuriant fun and learning activities to get us off the ground. For 4<sup>th</sup> grade, we will learn about participles and adjectives & Greek and Latin words. For 5<sup>th</sup> grade, adjectives, adverbs and figurative language. We will read the assigned literature books so please make sure to bring the books to class when needed. In botany and zoology, we will review lessons learned in first semester before we embark on lessons in geography and history this coming 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. We are also excited to talk about our dreams and relate it to Martin Luther King Jr.'s contributions that made a big impact to our present lives. Our Spelling Bee is around the corner, students, please brush up on your words and get ready to compete.

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

A blessed and Happy New Year! Our enthusiastic students welcome the new 2023 year with great hope and excitement as they tackle more challenging tasks and with great effort, we will accomplish more! Language continues with assigned books for the literature and grammar exercises. Math and geometry will focus on identifying figures and 3-4 digits static addition and subtraction; first graders will continue with their lesson on rounding off and Roman Numerals. Zoology and botany; kindergarteners will continue their study on the animals of Africa and parts of the root; while the first graders will focus on the parts of the birds and mammals and parts of the flower and fruit. We will end this month with a big celebration as we welcome the Lunar New Year! Gong Hey Fat Choy!