



Oneonta Montessori School

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER, 2023



WELCOME TO ONEONTA – EVERYONE!

A great big hello to all!

A warm welcome to Oneonta! Another year is ahead of us; we look forward to meeting all our new students and their families and working together in making this school year an exciting and fulfilling academic experience.

To all our returning Oneonta students, we hope you had a great summer and are ready to step into another year of learning and adventure. Welcome back!

We want to let everyone know that ‘HAPPINESS’ is the culture of our school and want to remind everyone if we all do our part we can guarantee an environment full of joy and cheerfulness. Thank you for your cooperation!

We are still not over Covid-19, therefore, to protect our students and teachers, parents are not allowed on campus. Students must be dropped off at each gate every morning; our staff will welcome students and guide them into the school and into their respective classrooms. At pick up we will use walkie talkies to call for students to come to the gate.

PARKING LOT- DROP OFF/PICK UP

Preschool

Please park on street (front of school). No driving into the parking lot as children are walking in. Parents must walk with children into lower parking lot & meet a teacher at the main gate under the tent.

Elementary TK - 5th

Parents please drive into the upper parking lot. Parents & students will walk to gate & wait for turn

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT – Fri, Sept 8th

School closes at 12:00 noon

3:00 p.m. - Class #1, Class #4, Class #5, Class #9

4:00 p.m. - Class #2, Class #3

4:30 p.m. - Class #6, Class #7

This year we are inviting one parent per student to join us in person on campus. Teachers will make their presentations & pass on all pertinent information about their classrooms. We like to request that everyone please arrive a few minutes ahead of time & find a seat. Looking forward to seeing all of you! Thank You.

2023 - 2024 ONEONTA STAFF

Fiona Emersley	Director	Office
Christina Salazar	Administrator	Office
Karen Romero	Pre-School Teacher	Class # 1
Melinda Perez	Pre - K Teacher	Class # 2
Christina Salazar	Pre-School Teacher	Class # 3
Theresa Vidrio	Pre - K Teacher	Class # 4
Vangie Gallardo	Teacher 2 nd /3 rd	Class # 5
Jessica Cheung	TK/K Teacher	Class # 6
Mary Ann Gulay	Teacher 4 th /5 th	Class #7
Vanessa Gavia	K/1 st	Class # 9
Annai Diaz	Assistant	Class #1
Wendie Her	Assistant	Class #2
Emily Valdez	Assistant	Class #3
Crystal Grijalva	Assistant	Class #4
Carol Muramatsu	Assist. So St/Art	Class #5
Cynthia Muro	Assist. Sc/Art/Span.	Class #6
Maritza Zavaleta	Assist. Sc/Art/Span.	Class #9
Zelma Ventura	PE/So St/Art/Spanish	
Noemy Carpio	Substitute	
Audrey Ray	Elementary Bio/Substitute	
Mr. Mario Hidalgo	Elementary Music Teacher	
Easy Cloud Solutions	IT	
STEM program	Stem N More	

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

CLASS DOJO

This is our method of communication at Oneonta. Please download the app and await teachers’ emails with an invitation to join. Please do so as soon as you receive it and get connected. Questions, all class information, pictures, Class Story, School Story etc will be available to you.

CHOICE LUNCHES – Starts Monday, 28th

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 - 5th) 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

- 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 - 5th 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 – 5th grade will have homework that has to be completed on a computer/laptop/Ipad at home.
- Students in 1st - 5th 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, IT 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.
- Welcome to Oneonta Students; we hope you are ready for a challenge!

Preschool

SIGN IN/OUT VIA CURACUBBY APP @ GATE

- ❖ Parents must register on our website; Registration/Preschool/Daily Attendance.
- ❖ Fill pertinent info; then will be added to system
- ❖ Click on QR code at drop off/pick up daily.

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.
- ❖ A positive conversation about the drop off procedure with all positives/lots of encouragement must be **done at home** prior to coming to school. It helps!
- ❖ Before arriving at gate, be sure to give hugs & kisses, say good-bye & clearly state that you will be back for pick up.
- ❖ Good-byes should be brief, positive, affectionate and consistent.

DROP OFF/PICK UP - ALL STUDENTS

- ❖ Parents/visitors are not allowed on campus.
- ❖ Parents must drop children off at the appropriate gates in the mornings;
- ❖ Preschool - Lower Parking lot
- ❖ TK - 5th Grade - Upper Parking lot
- ❖ Please make your way to the gate where a teacher will meet you.
- ❖ After a happy welcome greeting, your child will be escorted into school by a teacher.
- ❖ Students will be escorted out for pick up after school; please use the same gate.
- ❖ Children may not leave school in the middle of the school day for any reason.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL DAYCARE

7:00 – 9:00 a.m. & 3:00 – 5:30 p.m.

- ❖ Students may use the day care program for before and after school care on a monthly basis for \$150 per month.
- ❖ Parents may purchase a Day Care Card for \$100.00 on an as needed basis plan; Occasional day care.

Get ready to jump into exploration & adventure!