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Dear Parents,

Welcome to a New School Year! I hope that your summer was filled with many new adventures and special memories and now everyone is ready to transition from long summer nights to regular school days. It is hard to believe but its back to school again and I am excited to welcome all of you. I am thrilled to be back in this classroom teaching the older students once again. Last year I ventured into the k/1st grade classroom to have a change of working with another age group. However, this year I am ready to feel the energy, excitement, enthusiasm and love for learning that is generated by the students in 4th and 5th grade.

I have been working as a Montessori teacher at Oneonta for two decades teaching lower and upper elementary grade level students. I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Education and received my Teacher Formation Montessori Course at OB Montessori. I have been attending Montessori Conferences and Seminars both here in the USA and abroad.

This year, Ms. Vangie will be teaching Language and Literature for 4th grade and I will be teaching all the other core subjects in this classroom. Ms. Karen will be teaching Social Studies and Spanish and Ms. Zelma for PE and Art for my class as well. We will work together to ensure that our students are happy and allow them to grow to be strong individuals academically, emotionally, and socially.

This year we will continue to use Google classroom and IXL for our daily worksheets and activities, seatwork, and homework as well. My goal during this challenging time is to put my students' minds at ease and provide them with a meaningful learning experience at Oneonta.

Let's continue to work and face the challenge together. I need your help and support to bring out the best in your children; this will require a good line of communication between us. I am always available to discuss your child's progress and to answer any questions you may have throughout the school year. You can reach me via our school DOJO app or my email at maryann@oneontamontessori.com. I know that we are all ready for this awesome task of preparing our students to be successful and you can count on me to do my job with enthusiasm and diligence.

I hope to see all of you on our Back to School Night on the 8th of September.

Sincerely,
Ms. Mary Ann