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Dearest Parents,

I would like to welcome you and your family to our sweet "Dragonfly" Classroom. My name is Ms. Melinda and I have been working at Oneonta Montessori for Twenty-plus years. I have my Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education as well as my Montessori Teaching Certificate. I am proud to say my two daughters graduated from Oneonta and it has been an incredibly rewarding experience to see them all grown up now. As for my youngest son, Isaiah, he is a proud Oneonta alumni, graduating from the 6th grade and is now in middle school.

Ms. Wendie has a bachelor's degree in child development from Cal State L.A. She has been volunteering at her church in the nursery for 5 years. Ms. Wendie has chosen to work with children even though she is a certified nursing assistant. She is very knowledgeable and clever and is looking forward to working at Oneonta and joining me in making our little Dragonflies happy campers.

I have many goals planned for your little ones for a successful school year. I am eager to make sure our Preschoolers will blossom into independent and productive little members of our school as they mature in their social and emotional development and take on the task of learning by doing. Throughout the school year, your precious little Dragonflies will strengthen their independence as well as learn to:

- Share as they play
- Help friends in need
- Communicate their needs and feelings
- Be aware of and respect the environment

I am always available to discuss your child's progress and to answer any questions you may have throughout the school year. The best way to reach me is via my email at Melinda@oneontamontessori.com or via our school DOJO app. Communication between teacher and parents is vital to a child's well being so please let's keep the line of communication open all year!

I will see all of you on Back to School Night, Friday, Sept 8th. If you have any questions for me I will be very happy to answer them.

Sincerely,

Ms. Melinda