



August 21, 2023

Dear Parents,

Hello and welcome to Room 9! My name is Ms. Vanessa and I have been a part of the Oneonta family for 10 years. As we gear up for another exciting academic year, I want to take this opportunity to welcome you and your children to my classroom. It is an honor to be part of the developmental progression and individual growth of each one of my students. I am eager to work with them, create a positive bond, and get to know all of you too! I am thrilled to enter my 8th year as a lead teacher at Oneonta. I graduated from the California State University of Los Angeles with a Bachelor's in Child Development and Social & Behavioral Science. I have a Child Development Master Teacher Permit and Site Supervisor certificate from the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. I received my Montessori teaching degree from the North American Montessori Center.

I am also a dedicated mother to two beautiful girls, Kylie and Alexi. Kylie recently became an alumnus of this school and Alexi is now entering 2nd grade here. I enjoy being their softball assistant coach and visiting theme parks on our free time.

Ms. Maritza will be our classroom assistant this year. This is Ms. Maritza's first year at Oneonta. Ms. Maritza has her Bachelor's in Child Development and has worked with children for a year. She is sweet, kind, and always ready to help her students and coworkers! Welcome Ms. Maritza to our Oneonta family!

The goal for my class is to help my students learn from daily experiences and increase their independence; physically, socially, and emotionally. Our Kindergarten and First Grade students will work hands on with Montessori materials, learn to challenge themselves, and work as a group to build team and leadership skills.

Facilitating and introducing the world to children is my motivation. I aspire to continue making a positive change in every one of my students' lives and help build on their success. I believe in doing so, a strong partnership between teachers and parents is essential. I am committed to fostering open communication and collaboration with you throughout the year. Therefore, the best way to reach me is via my email at vanessa@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 look forward to meeting all of you at Back to School Night on September 8th.

Sincerely,

Ms. Vanessa