



**OPEN HOUSE**  
**Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 3:00- 6:00 p.m.**

*March is Disability Awareness Month! In order to raise awareness, celebrate achievements of people with disabilities, promote inclusivity and accessibility, we have decided to make **"DISABILITIES"** Our Open House theme this year. Our goal is to encourage and nurture compassion and empathy in our children as they become more aware of the world around them. Respect, kindness, and courage are great starting points as we learn to celebrate and appreciate difference in abilities. As our children grow, they will learn that the human experience is unique to each individual. Their ability to be not only inclusive and accepting of all human beings, but appreciative of their differences will have an impact on others and on our world as a whole.*

*We hope to make an impact on these formative years of our children that go far beyond March. Seeing things through a different lens and exploring the daily challenges of those with disabilities will help to develop a better understanding of how we can make this world a place where all are appreciated.*

*We hope to encourage and inspire our children to recognize that change starts with them. It's the small things that make a difference; making a person feel valued can be as simple as an inclusive acknowledgement of "hello" or a kind smile.*

*We look forward to incorporating our theme with our whole curriculum: Social Studies, History, Geography, Science, Art, Music, Math, Reading, Language and just good ol' fashioned fun; as we continue to grow amazing little humans who will be leaders and advocates for humanity. We want every student at Oneonta to be a beacon of hope for the world.*

**WATCH OUR STUDENTS SHINE!**

**PRE-SCHOOL**  
**Ladybugs, Dragonflies, Honeybees, Butterflies**

*Our preschoolers are excited about sharing their world of learning with you. Parents are invited to visit with their child at these times:*

<i><b>Last Names beginning</b></i>	<i><b>A - L</b></i>	<i><b>3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.,</b></i>
<i><b>Last names</b></i>	<i><b>M - Z</b></i>	<i><b>4:45 - 5:45 p.m.</b></i>

*Our students have chosen two or three Montessori jobs which they will present to you. We ask that you take on the role of active observer and encourage their enthusiasm, keenness, and love for learning as they display their skills. We also ask that you please compliment their work with positive encouraging words and a big hug when they are done.*

*Thank You.*

***It is beneficial for parents whose children will be entering TK or Kindergarten in the fall to visit a Kindergarten classroom (6 or #9) & watch one of the presentations; 3:00 p.m. or 4:45p.m. Questions and Answer time is scheduled from 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.***

**TK/KINDERGARTEN & ELEMENTARY**  
**Class #'s 5, 6, 7, 9**

*Our students will be demonstrating the Montessori materials and their many facets of concept learning used in the classroom, which helps them learn concrete awareness of the subject matter. You will see a wide range of materials from Math & Language, to Botany, Zoology, History, Geography, and Geometry. The students will welcome you into their classrooms; introduce themselves & the materials and go on to explain their importance and use. Not only will our students display knowledge, but also their confidence and public speaking abilities. We ask that you watch very carefully, listen to their words of wisdom and discover what an important role the Montessori philosophy & the carefully prepared environment has contributed to your child's overall achievement. Our students have worked very hard & are excited to show you what they do at school every day.*

**There will be two presentation sessions: 3:00 p.m. & 4:45 p.m.**

*Please take note of the schedule that will be sent home & make sure your child is in school at the scheduled time. Students may be working alone or with a partner. We are extremely proud of all our students. We are confident you will feel the same when you observe the competence & proficiency displayed in the knowledge of the materials, as well as the amazing powers of concentration so skillfully mastered. Please make sure to acknowledge their capability & expertise with words of praise & admiration.*

*Thank You.*