

Oneonta Montessori School

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January '10

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HOLIDAY - Mon, 18th
Martin Luther King's Birthday.



SPARK OF LOVE **Toy Donations**

We know that in these difficult times charitable contributions are not easy. Your generous response to this charity was both overwhelming and touching. We are so grateful for your partnership in making Christmas a little brighter for a child who would have gone without a gift this Christmas. The children were full of the spirit of giving as they all joined in to carry the toys to the Fire Station next door. What a wonderful way to end the year!

PRESCHOOL CLOTHING

The weather is so unpredictable during this time of year. Please make sure your child is wearing appropriate clothing, including a jacket, for the cold. In addition, please be sure to restock your emergency clothing box if any articles have been taken home and not returned.

Elementary Students: Please make sure your school jacket/sweater has your name on it.



WELCOME BACK MS. MELINDA

Ms Melinda was away on maternity leave having delivered a beautiful baby boy, Isaiah, in September. She is now back in classroom # 1 and will work part time in the month of January with Ms. Courtney. In February Ms Melinda will be back working full time as the lead teacher in classroom # 1 with Ms Wendy while Ms Courtney goes on maternity leave.

CONGRATULATIONS JOAQUIN PERKINS!

The new national Chess Champion in the Kindergarten age level. Joaquin participated in the US National Chess championships in Texas and won all 7 of his matches to win the title. Way to go Joaquin!!

SPELLING BEE - Wednesday, 20th

The Spelling Bee elimination round will be held the week of the 11th - 15th. All the children in 1st - 5th grade who made it to the final rounds will be participate in the finals on Wednesday, January 20th. Ribbons will be handed out to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners and a special medallion as well to the 1st place winner. Good luck students!



PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES - **Tuesday 19th - Friday 29th**



Please take advantage of this time to meet with your child's teacher. The conference will not only give you an opportunity to access your child's progress but will also assist you in effectively working together with your child's teacher to bring out your child's full potential. This is a great time to get all your questions regarding curriculum answered. Please make sure you sign-up on the conference schedule that will be posted on the bulletin boards shortly. A progress report will be given out to the elementary school children. The grade received will be an accumulative score reflecting progress from September '09 - January '10.

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS!

We would like to extend a great big welcome to all our new students and their parents to the Oneonta family. We are so glad to have you; if there is anything we can do to assist you, please let us know. We have such an exciting year ahead of us full of fun classroom activities and special projects. We look forward to having you participate in all our school functions. If you have a special talent or skill or feel our students could benefit from, please inform us so we can schedule you in as a guest speaker. We look forward to working in partnership with you.

A LOOK OUT REMINDER TO ALL

Please inform us if you see/know of a property that will be suitable for us to relocate to. We would like to enhance our school by adding more classrooms, an infant center and a swimming pool as well!

Ms Courtney's Ladybugs #1

A Happy New year to our Lady bug families. We will talk about Dr. Martin Luther Jr. & why he is an important figure in American History. For Science we will be trying out a fun color mixing experiment to show the children how the three primary colors blend to form the secondary colors. Let's have a fantastic new year!

Ms Audrey's Fireflies #2

Happy New Year, its time to ring in the year with some fun learning experiences. Making clocks will help us to learn to tell time!! Celebrating Martin Luther King Jr.'s powerful dream for equality will help us to practice fairness in our classroom with some role play activities. The Map of the Continents will give us a great opportunity to learn about our world and where our families came from. The children are learning so much and growing every day! I can't wait to share all their milestones and goals reached!! Sign up for a conference!

Ms Noemy's Honey Bees #3

Muy feliz ano Nuevo to everyone and a big warm welcome to 2010! We are going to start the New Year with a resolution to learn new things. For Science we will learn how to make new colors by mixing primary colors. We will talk about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. & how his dream has become real; "all men are created equal". The continent of Asia will be our focus for Geography and we will end the month learning about the new season, Winter.

Ms Irma & Ms Charmaine's Butterflies # 4

A Happy New Year, 2010! After an enjoyable break we are set to learn about the Oceans and Continents. We will trace, color, cut and make our very own world maps. We will commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's special day with a poem that speaks about his dream of equality. Mammals will be our theme of study for Biology as we learn about a Horse and name its parts. For Botany, we will learn about leaves and their color cycles. It is a new year full of adventures ahead!

Ms. Vangie – Class # 5

Happy New Year!! After a restful holiday break, we are ready to tackle more challenging work. January is the birth month of our Civil Rights Leader, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The children will learn more about his life and great contribution to our nation. The Spelling Bee is here... get ready spellers!

Ms Dorothy - Class # 6

Ms Edina and I wish you a very Happy New Year! After a quick review, we will move on to more challenging work. Our focus will be on the Solar System, parts of the Earth, flower, reptile, and fish. Math will continue with reviews on multiplication, telling time and money. Highlights will be on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday and the spelling Bee. Good Luck to all our contestants!

Ms Amie – Class # 7

A Happy New Year to all. The 2nd graders will start off by studying the continent of Asia for Geography, leaves for Botany and reptiles for Zoology. The 3rd graders will continue with Europe's Customs and traditions as well as their land and water forms. Both grade levels will be introduced to the Fundamental Needs of Man for History. Spelling Bee is here!

Ms Dushy – Class # 8

Ms Aixha and I wish you a very Happy New Year and welcome back to school! January is the birth month of one of our nation's most memorable civil right leaders Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Africa will be our theme for geography. Experiments with color and light will start us off in getting ready for next months science fair. We will focus our attention on the physically and mentally challenged members of our society by taking time to discuss their disabilities and hopefully become more sensitive to their needs.

Ms Ernamarie & Ms Mary Ann – Class # 9

Hello 2010! A brand new year and resolutions! Our students will continue working on their assigned countries and continents research work. Discussions & recitations on Explorers for History & further study on Botany and Zoology riddle cards. We are also ready to start our lesson on Ancient Civilizations. More reading comprehension, grammar and mechanics for Language, and computation & problem solving for Math will round out the month.