

# Oneonta Montessori School



## September 2009



### Welcome Back

Welcome back to school! We look forward to working together with you in making this school year an exciting and fulfilling experience in learning. Don't forget to take some time out of your busy schedules to get to know our staff. We're all eager to meet our students and their parents and want to extend a warm welcome to all.



### Back to School Night Friday 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

This is a night for parents only. Come & get acquainted with your child's teacher, class schedule, curriculum, and school rules. It is **mandatory** for all parents to attend. **School Closes at 12:00 noon** and child care is **not** available. Please be seated in your child's classroom by **5:00 p.m.**, If you have any questions, please feel free to ask your child's teacher on Back to School Night.

The Hot Lunch  
September 1<sup>st</sup>  
Sept 4<sup>th</sup>. Students  
bring lunch!

### Extra curricular Activities Demonstrations

Hapkido	-	Friday, Sept 11 <sup>th</sup>
Gymnastics	-	Tuesday, Sept 8 <sup>th</sup>
Dance	-	Thursday, Sept 10 <sup>th</sup>

### 2009-2010 Oneonta Staff Members

Fiona Emersley	Director	
Audrey Velasquez	Assist. Director	
	Pre-School Teacher	Class #2
	Elementary Biology	
Virginia Carr	Administrator	
Courtney Snider	Pre- School Teacher.	Class # 1
Wendy Valenzuela	Pre- School Asst.	Class # 1
Christina Salazar	Pre-K Asst.,	Class # 2
Noemy Meshkat	Pre-School Teacher	Class # 3
Rosalie Imperial	Pre-School Asst.	Class # 3
Irma Jacobo	Pre-K Teacher	Class # 4
Charamine Candappa	Pre-K Teacher	Class # 4
Vangie Gallardo	1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher,	Class # 5
Gricelda Felix	1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Asst.	Class # 5
	Spanish	
Dorothy de Silva	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher	Class # 6
Edina Nicholas	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher	Class # 6
Ning Sanga	Assistant Class #6/#9	
Amie Leonida	2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher	Class # 7
Sue Amarasekara	2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Asst./Sc.	Class # 7
Dushy Dharmapala	Kindergarten Teacher	Class # 8
Aixha Cojulun	Kindergarten Asst.	Class #8
Ernamarie Sy	Upper Elem. Teacher	Class # 9
MaryAnn Gulay	Upper Elem. Teacher	Class # 9
	3 <sup>rd</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup> Math/Zoology/Geometry	
Jeanette Sosa	Computer Lab instructor/ Elementary P.E./Daycare	
Daniella Uribe	Daycare Asst.	

Preschool Canopy – Thanks to the Sees Candy fundraiser, we were able to purchase this canopy. Teacher

Labor Day – Monday  
School Holiday



### Patriot Day

On December 18<sup>th</sup> 2007, President Bush designating **September 11<sup>th</sup> as Patriot Day**. The resolution signed calls on all Americans to observe a moment of silence in remembrance of the 3,300 victims of the September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attacks. On Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, the students of Oneonta Montessori School will observe the holiday by **wearing red, white and blue** as well as observing a moment of silence.

## Successful Start

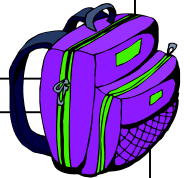
### Good Morning!!

- Children learn better when they are not distracted by hunger. Encourage your child to eat a healthy breakfast.
- Skip the morning rush by having backpacks packed and clothing laid out the night before.
- **Be on time!!!** Giving your child enough time to greet friends and teachers as well as to say their good-byes to you will ensure a smooth start with the right attitude. Let's strive for 100% perfect attendance!
- A positive morning routine will not only relieve the stress of the early morning rush but will encourage independence.



### Making Homework and Learning a Positive Experience

- Help your child develop good study habits by providing a positive & consistent homework schedule.
- Provide a quiet work atmosphere for your child free of clutter or distractions.
- Show your child that you are interested in his/her work by asking questions and keeping comments upbeat and encouraging.
- Take time to re-explain assignments if necessary.
- Go over homework with your child to ensure that it was completed accurately.



### Separation

Separation Anxiety is a normal stage of development. Tears are expected from our little ones. Our teachers are loving, nurturing, and experienced in helping your child to develop a positive attitude about school. Children need on going reassurance that you will come back for them after school. Sometimes separation can be just as difficult for the parent as it is for the child. Take time to get acquainted with your child's teacher and communicate any needs or concerns. Remember, your child knows you and will take your lead.

- ❖ Talk to your child positively about school, teachers, friends, etc.
- ❖ Go over your child's daily routine with him/her.
- ❖ Be sure to say good-bye and clearly state that you will be back.
- ❖ Good-byes should be brief, positive, and affectionate.

### Keeping It Together

Good organizational skills and success go hand in hand. Help your child develop these skills by encouraging him/her to:

- ❖ Pack only necessary learning materials in his/her back pack.
- ❖ Keep belongings in their proper place both at home and at school.
- ❖ Label personal items such as sweaters, lunch boxes, backpacks, **homework!** Etc.
- ❖ Be responsible for his/her belongings. Children, not parents should carry their own belongings, store them and look for them if they have been misplaced.

# Let's have a great year!