

Oneonta Montessori School

September

2010



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 17th, 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.

Hot Lunch Program

The **Hot Lunch Program** begins **Monday, September 13th**. Last day to enroll will be Friday Sept 10th. Every Thursday this year, lunch will be from either KFC or Subway.

Parking Lots

The lower and upper parking lots are open to all for drop off/pick up. **From 8:15 - 8:30 a.m. the upper parking lot is a drop off zone only for elementary students.** Parking during this time is not allowed.

Extra Curricular Activities Demos @ 9:00 a.m.

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| Hapkido | - | Friday, Sept 10 th |
| Gymnastics | - | Tuesday, Sept 14 th |
| Soccer | - | Wednesday, Sept 15 th |
| Dance | - | Thursday, Sept 16 th |

2010-2011 Oneonta Staff Members

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| Fiona Emersley | Director |
| Audrey Velasquez | Assist. Director |
| | Pre-School Teacher Class # 4 |
| | Elementary Biology Class # 9 |
| Virginia Carr | Administrator/Social Studies |
| Courtney Snider | Pre-School Teacher. Class # 1 |
| | Science/Social Studies |
| Irma Jacobo | Pre-School Teacher Class # 1 |
| Anna Gilliland | Pre-School Assistant Class # 1 |
| Christina Salazar | Pre-K Teacher Class # 2 |
| Wendy Valenzuela | Pre- K Assistant Class # 1 |
| Melinda Perez | Pre-School Teacher Class # 3 |
| Rachel Juarez | Pre-School Asst. Class # 3 |
| Charamine Candappa | Pre-K Teacher Class # 4 |
| Paula Reyes | Pre-K Assistant Class # 4 |
| Vangie Gallardo | 1 st /2 nd Grade Teacher, Class # 5 |
| Aixha Cojulun | 1 st /2 nd Grade Asst. Class #5 |
| | Spanish/Science |
| Dorothy de Silva | 1 st /2 nd Grade Teacher Class # 6 |
| Ning Sanga | 1 st /2 nd Grade Asst Class # 6 |
| | Science Class # 7 |
| Amie Leonida | 3 rd /4 th Grade Teacher Class # 7 |
| | Science |
| Gricelda Felix | 3 rd /4 th Grade Asst. Class # 7 |
| | Spanish/Social Studies |
| Sue Amarasekera | Kindergarten Teacher Class # 8 |
| Noemy Meshkat | Kindergarten Teacher Class # 8 |
| Ernamarie Sy | 5 th /6 th Grade Teacher Class # 9 |
| MaryAnn Gulay | 5 th /6 th Grade Teacher Class # 9 |
| | 3 rd - 6 th Math/Geometry/Zoology |
| Allie Diaz | Elementary P.E/Daycare |
| Jeanette Sosa | Computer Lab Instructor/Daycare |
| Lydia Guerrero | Art Teacher/Daycare |
| Ms. Shehani | Elementary Music Teacher |

Alhambra High School Valedictorian 2010

We are proud to announce that one of our past students, **STEPHANIE WANG**, achieved this very prestigious honor at this year's high school graduation. Stephanie was an exemplary student for the 10 years she was with us from preschool - 6th grade and when she graduated Oneonta was the recipient of the President's Award as an outstanding student. Stephanie is going to UCLA in the fall to study Bio-Engineering. Congratulations Stephanie!



Helpful Tips for a Successful Start

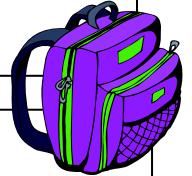
Good Morning!!

- Encourage your child to eat a healthy breakfast. Children learn better when they are not distracted by hunger.
- 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 - Preschoolers

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:

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Back packs may be brought by the 5th/6th graders ONLY.

Let's have a great year!