



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

Our Open House theme this year for Preschool and Elementary is:

**MODERN DAY CHANGE MAKERS.**

Our children live in a world that is continually changing with new challenges, ideas and perspectives. Modern day innovators and visionaries have demonstrated the human potential to improve the quality of life for generations to come. Our children are already surpassing us in their tech savvy approach to education, communication, health, and entertainment! It is our hope that THEY will continue to press forward in leading the way to a future that surpasses all of our imaginations. It all comes back to that little seed in a cup that thrives by leaning into the light for life. We hope to provide light for our students by providing experiences, not only to be free to imagine, dream and create but to think in a broader sense; to be future oriented and consider how they can impact future generations. We may still be in the "seed in a cup" stage.... But even the giant sequoia began as a little seed. Our goal is to challenge students to think outside of the box; to evoke a spark of curiosity and ignite their intellectual possibilities. From genomics to robotics and everything in-between, it is the brilliance and passion of the human mind that continues to pave the road for a brighter future. As Plato once said, *"Our need will be the real creator"*.

It is our desire to instill an appreciation of how much we benefit daily because of the persistence of innovators who pushed the boundaries, never giving up on their dreams to make our world a better place. We aim to encourage and inspire the children to recognize the greatness within them. They are never too small to make a huge difference. We look forward to incorporating our theme with the whole of our 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, movers, makers and changers. We want every student at Oneonta to be a beacon of light illuminating the way to endless possibilities!

**PRESCHOOL**

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

<i>Last Names A - L:</i>	<i>3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Last names beginning M - Z:</i>	<i>4:30 - 5:30 p.m.</i>

The children 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 Kindergarten in the fall to visit a Kindergarten classroom (#6 or #9) & watch one of the presentations; 3:00 p.m. or 4:45 p.m.*

### TK/KINDERGARTEN & ELEMENTARY

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.

### There will be two presentation sessions.

**The first will start at 3:00 p.m.**

**The second at 4:45 p.m.**

Please take note of the schedule that will be sent home & make sure your child is back 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.

We expect to see all our parents at our Open House this year. It is a very special day for our students as they get to show their parents firsthand the learning that goes on in a Montessori environment. Please plan on being here at the times that are posted and get ready to be amazed!