



August 25, 2025

Dear Parents,

Hello and welcome back to school! We are filled with joy to meet the new children who will be joining our "Honey Bee" classroom as well as our returning Honey Bees as well. We are looking forward to meeting all of you and to an excellent academic school year, full of happiness and fun hands-on learning.

My name is Ms. Christina and this is my nineteenth year here at Oneonta Montessori as a teacher, as well as the school administrator. My area of study was Pre-Law with a Political Science minor. However, I have always wanted to make a change in children's lives and found that teaching is the best way to do so. I switched careers and Child Development became my new course of study. I was fascinated in the Montessori Method of teaching and soon completed my Montessori training and received my diploma from the North American Montessori Center. I started working at Oneonta 19 years ago in the elementary school but after becoming Montessori certified worked in the Kindergarten & Preschool classrooms. I have gained extensive knowledge and experience that I will use to guide your child's development.

This year Ms. Wendie, one of the more senior assistants will be joining me. Ms. Wendie has worked at Oneonta for the past three years in the Pre-K and Kinder /First Grade classrooms. Ms. Wendie has a nursing degree as well as a Child Development degree from Cal State L.A. Her knowledge of the Montessori curriculum and familiarity will be extremely valuable in helping me teach the little Honey Bees in our class. Together, we will make sure your little ones are taken care of to the best of our ability.

For our classroom to run smoothly, it is important that everyone adheres to all the guidelines and school policies, without exception. It will take time for everyone to adjust; but it will be in the best interest of all, especially the children. One extremely important rule is that all children be inside their classrooms before 9:00 a.m., as per advice from the Alhambra Police Dept so please make sure to follow. Help your child make a smooth transition into this new and exhilarating world of knowledge and friendship by keeping an open line of communication with us.

Here in our Honey Bee class, your child will have the opportunity to learn and grow in an environment that is tailored to meet their academic and social needs. They will develop social and communication skills through a program that builds confidence while supporting our preschool curriculum of math, language development, science, and cultural subjects taught in fun and interactive ways. Let's get ready for a lot of fun and a lot of learning. Here's to an amazing school year!

We hope that all our preschoolers will grow through their daily experiences and become independent little people. Should you have any questions please contact me through the class DOJO application or email me at christina@oneontamontessori.com. I am here to answer any questions or relieve any concerns you may have. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me. Let's make this year unforgettable!

Thank you for this wonderful opportunity to guide and nurture your child.

*Sincerely,
Ms. Christina*