



*August 25, 2025*

*Dear parents,*

*My name is Ms. Karen, and I welcome you to the new school year! I hope you all had a nice and fun-filled summer. I am excited to see so many familiar faces as I become the new butterfly teacher! We look forward to a school year full of happiness learning and growth!*

*To start off the year, a little bit about myself, I have been part of the Oneonta family for 8 years now, 6 of which I was the 'Ladybug' teacher. It has always been a dream of mine to become a teacher; so, right after graduating high school I became a student at East Los Angeles College. I then transferred to California State University, Los Angeles where I received my bachelor's degree in child development. I worked for Los Angeles School District for 3 years as a teacher's assistant and received my Montessori training from the North American Montessori Center. I have been working with children for almost 11 years. It is an honor to be part of the developmental growth that takes place in every individual child.*

*Working side by side with me this year is the wonderful Ms. Crystal who is excited for the new school year. She has been working with children for seven years in total, and this will be her fourth year at Oneonta. She graduated from East Los Angeles College with an Associate of Arts degree in Child Development and loves helping little ones learn and grow. This year will be a wonderful adventure full of learning and fun for both of us!*

*In our pre-k 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 curriculum of math, language development, science, and cultural subjects taught in fun and interactive ways. We hope that all our students will grow through their daily experiences and build their independence.*

*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 abide by this rule. Should you have any questions please contact me through the class DOJO application. I am here to answer any questions or relieve any concerns you may have. Let's get ready for a lot of fun and of course a lot of learning. And here's to an amazing school year!*

*Thank you for the wonderful opportunity to allow me to guide, teach and nurture your child!*

*Sincerely,*

*Ms. Karen*