



August 25, 2025

Dear Parents,

Welcome to a New School Year! I hope that your summer was filled with many adventures and special memories. It is hard to believe but it's back to school again and I am excited to welcome all of you. I am thrilled to have my students back in the classroom; feeling their energy, enthusiasm & love for learning is invigorating!

I have been working as a Montessori teacher at Oneonta for more than two decades teaching lower and upper elementary grades. I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Education and received my Teacher Formation Montessori Course at OB Montessori. I have been attending Montessori Conferences and Seminars both here in the USA and overseas.

We will have a self-contained class, and I will be teaching all the core subjects in this classroom.

Ms. Wendie will be helping me out in the afternoon and will be teaching Science, Art, and Social Studies for 5th grade. Ms. Karen will continue teaching Social Studies in 4th grade and Ms. Melissa will be our PE teacher this year. We will work together to ensure that our students are happy and allow them to grow to be strong individuals academically, emotionally, and socially.

This year we will continue to use Google classroom and IXL as supplements for our daily worksheets and activities, seatwork, and homework as well. My goal is to put my students' minds at ease and provide them with meaningful learning experiences that cultivate independence, self-discipline and a positive attitude towards work and others.

Let's continue to work together; I need your cooperation and support to bring out the best in your children and this will require a good line of communication between us. I am always available to discuss your child's progress and to answer any questions you may have throughout the school year. You can reach me via my email at maryann@oneontamontessori.com or via our school DOJO app. 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, however, my class starts at 8:30 a.m. and I expect all my students to be settled and working by then. Thank you for your cooperation.

I hope to see all of you on our Back to School Night on the 5th of September.

Sincerely,

Ms. Mary Ann