



August 25, 2025

Dearest Parents,

I would like to welcome you and your family to our delightful "Dragonfly" Classroom. My name is Ms. Melinda, and I have been working at Oneonta Montessori for Twenty-plus years. I have my associate degree in early childhood education as well as my Montessori Teaching Certificate. I am proud to say my two daughters graduated from Oneonta and my son who is now in high school. "Yikes!" It has been an incredibly rewarding experience to see them all grown up now. Let me tell you, until this day they truly miss the LOVELY teachers and all the FUN activities at Oneonta. My youngest looks forward to volunteering during the summer and catching up with everyone along with many students who have graduated from here; it's like home sweet home for them.

This year Ms. Andrea will be my assistant; she is excited about this upcoming school year! She has been working with children for 7 years now and it has been a fulfilling experience for her. She enjoys art and reading books. Two things she enjoys most are music and spending time with her Frenchie named, "Sparky."

I have many goals planned for your little ones for a successful school year. I am eager to make sure our Preschoolers will blossom into independent and productive little members of our school as they mature in their social and emotional development and take on the task of learning by doing. Throughout the school year, your precious little Dragonflies will strengthen their independence as well as learn to:

- Share as they play*
- Help friends in need*
- Communicate their needs and feelings*
- Be aware of and respect the environment*

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. I am always available to discuss your child's progress and to answer any questions you may have throughout the school year. The best way to reach me is via my email at Melinda@oneontamontessori.com or via our school DOJO app. Communication between teacher and parents is vital to a child's wellbeing so please let's keep the line of communication open all year!

Please take a few minutes to read all the School Year 2025-2026 Safety Protocols, available on our school website. I will see all of you on Back to School Night, If you have any questions for me I will be very happy to answer them.

Fondly,

Ms. Melinda