



August 24, 2026

Dear Parents,

I am very pleased to welcome you and your 1st and 2nd graders to Class #5. This school year is my 26th year as a teacher in the elementary grade levels here at Oneonta Montessori School. I previously worked in Room #9 for sixteen (16) years serving students in the upper elementary. I will have the opportunity again this year to create an absolutely wonderful class filled with dynamic and profound knowledge and experiences that will leave a lasting impact on our 1st and 2nd grade learners.

I have a bachelor's degree in Sociology and a Graduate Studies Coursework in Special Education. I completed Day Care Management with emphasis on Child Development and Reading and Literacy Added Authorization Certification from USC. I received my Montessori Credential and Teacher Formation and Training from OB Montessori authorizing me to teach both preschool and elementary grade levels. I am a proud member of the North American Montessori Teachers' Association. Two of my five children also attended Oneonta and are now grown up and working in careers of their choice. My class will not be complete without the assistance of Miss Carol who currently is in her 12th year working at Oneonta. Her two daughters who were my former students are also proud graduates from Oneonta and are now college freshman and high school senior respectively.

I firmly believe that a student can achieve and succeed at high levels and develop as a whole child when he or she is provided with the Montessori prepared environment and a Guide who is fully committed to giving every child under her care and tutelage the benefits of the Cosmic Curriculum. My mission is not only to give quality academic instruction but also character education which fosters core values and life skills,

I am counting on your active participation and involvement in all our class projects and extracurricular activities especially your presence during the Parent-Teacher Conference, which is an essential time to talk about your child's performance and accomplishments. Our partnership is vital to students' well-being as well as academic, behavioral and social growth and so I ask that our line of communication remain open all year round. You may reach me at ernamarie@oneontamontessori.com and class DOJO with any concerns you may have.

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. Ms. Carol and I are looking forward to a fantastic year for the entire class and a fruitful one ahead of us. Hope to see you all at Back to School Night on Friday, September 4th.

Sincerely,

Ms. Ernamarie