



August 24, 2026

Dear Parents,

Welcome to a New School Year! I am so excited to welcome our new class and embark on a fantastic journey of learning together. I am thrilled to have my students back in the classroom and looking forward to creating a positive, welcoming, supportive classroom where every student feels valued, respected, and encouraged to learn.

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

This year, I am privileged to be co-teaching with Ms. Zelma, who graduated from Cal State LA with a bachelor's degree in child development and has recently earned her Multiple subject teaching credential. We will work together to ensure that our students are happy and allow them to grow to be strong individuals academically, emotionally, and socially.

We will continue to use Google classroom and IXL for our daily worksheets and activities, seatwork, quizzes, and homework as well. Our goal during this year is to put our students' minds at ease and provide them with a meaningful and fun learning experience at Oneonta.

Let's continue to work and face the challenge together. I need your help and support to bring out the best in your children; 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 our school DOJO app or my email at MaryAnn@oneontamontessori.com. I know that we are all ready for this awesome task of preparing our students to be successful and you can count on us to do our job with enthusiasm and diligence.

I hope to see all of you on our Back to School Night on the 4th of September.

Sincerely,

Ms. Mary Ann and Ms. Zelm