



*August 24, 2026*

*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 two of my daughters and my son who is now in high school, graduated from Oneonta. “Yikes!” My youngest is entering 1st grade here at Oneonta; time truly flies! 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.*

*This year Ms. Diana will be my assistant; she is excited about this upcoming school year! She has been working with children for 9 years now and it has been a fulfilling experience for her. She enjoys cooking and spending time with her family. Two things she enjoys most are watching her daughter dance Folklorico and watching her son play soccer.*

*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*

*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](mailto:Melinda@oneontamontessori.com) or via our school DOJO app. Communication between teacher and parents is vital to a child’s well being so please let’s keep the line of communication open all year!*

*I will see all of you on Back to School Night on Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions for me I will be very happy to answer them.*

*Fondly,*

*Ms. Melinda*