



# Oneonta Montessori School

## January, 2024



### HOLIDAY

**No School Monday, 15<sup>th</sup>**

In honor of  
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

*I Have A Dream*



### WELCOME NEW STUDENTS!

We would like to extend a great big welcome to all our new students and their parents to the Oneonta family. We are so glad to be of service; if there is anything we can do to assist you, please let us know. We have an exciting year ahead of us, full of fun activities and special projects. We look forward to working in close partnership with you. To all our parents who have been wonderful ambassadors and have recommended our school to other families, Thank you for your trust in us!

### GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

#### **Elementary Students**

Our students have been working very hard to fulfill our high expectations; knowing what it is to be helpful, kind, compassionate and a good friend to all. At the end of the month, we are going to honor all those students (for the 1<sup>st</sup> semester) who have displayed such high character with a special lunch and awards. Congratulations await those students!

### SPARK OF LOVE TOY DONATIONS

We are so grateful to all those who made toy contributions to underprivileged kids. Your generous response to this charity was touching and overwhelming. We are so thankful for your partnership in making Christmas a little brighter for children who would have gone without a gift this Christmas. The children were full of the spirit of giving as they carried toys to the Fire Station next door. What a wonderful way to end the year! Thank You!

### SPELLING BEE

**Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup>**

All students in 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade will participate in the final round on Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. Ribbons will be handed out to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners and a special medallion as well to the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner. Good luck students; brush up on your spelling words and do well in the Spelling Bee!

### PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

**Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> - Fri, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Please take advantage of this time to meet with your child's teacher. The conference will give you an opportunity to assess your child's progress and assist you in effectively working together with the teachers to bring out your child's full potential. This is a great time to get all your questions answered. Conference schedules will be posted shortly; please sign up. A progress report will be given out to the elementary school students. The grade received will be a cumulative score reflecting progress from September 2023 - January 2024. It is a special time for teachers and parents to meet.

### POLICY WHEN CHILDREN ARE SICK

We kindly ask that when your children are sick, they do not attend school. It takes one sick child to infect all the children and the teachers as well. If your child has a *rash*, please do NOT send them to school without a doctor's clearance note. Please DOJO your child's teacher and inform her when your child is not attending school. We appreciate everyone's cooperation, allowing all our students to be healthy.

### A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

A very special happy new year to all our Oneonta families! May this year bring lots of cheerfulness and joy to all!

### GONG HAY FAT CHOY - February 10<sup>th</sup>

This is the year of the Wood Dragon in the Lunar New Year calendar. Children born under this sign are highly intellectual and take advantage of every opportunity. They are strong minded and do well in anything they attempt, which usually comes naturally to them. They are extremely creative and inquisitive. They are somewhat perfectionists and will always try to maintain high standards for themselves.

### Extra Curricular Activities - after school

If you would like your child to participate, please sign up directly with the coaches. Monday - Tennis, Wednesday - Dance, Thursday - Soccer, Friday - Hapkido

### **Ms Karen's Ladybugs #1**

Welcome back and Happy New year! This month is full of new and exciting adventures for our dear ladybugs. They will learn new practical life skills such as, snapping buttons with the snap frame and buttoning with the button frame. In the language section, we will learn new sounds and make words using the large moveable alphabet. Our ladybugs will have fun learning about Asia as we travel there using books, map of the continents and create exciting projects. We will also learn about the parts of a bird. Martin Luther King's birthday is this month; our ladybugs will take a trip to our school library to look at books and listen to stories about who he was.

### **Ms Melinda's Dragonflies #2**

**"HAPPY NEW YEAR!"** Welcome back to a new school semester Dragonflies! It will be time for a class discussion about what we did over the winter break. For history we will read about Martin Luther King and how he made a difference by letting us know that we are all equal. For Science we have an exciting activity; what floats and sinks, as we observe different types of objects in water. Geography will be interesting as learn that there are seven continents & get into more detail about North America. Our precious Dragonflies are ready to fly, get ready!

### **Ms Christina's Honey Bees #3**

Cheers to the New Year! It is time to start 2024 off right. I hope everyone had a restful and joyful holiday. Time is flying by so fast it is time for the Honey Bees to learn the parts of the clock. The month of January we continue to with the idea of giving and helping others by focusing on a very important figure, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. We will learn how Dr. Martin King brought so much change to many people by expressing such kindness through words of wisdom. And how do we learn? By using our 5 senses with hands on activities that reinforce the 5 senses. We can't wait to get the learning started in 2024 so let's get going Honey Bees!

### **Ms Theresa's Butterflies #4**

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We missed seeing all those bright and happy smiles. I hope the Butterfly class is ready to get back into the groove of things! Science and Geography are sure to be learning adventure as we prepare to explore the different Continents and Oceans around the world. The butterflies will be constructing geometric shapes, learning about nouns, adjectives, how to tell time, and so much more! We'll also be learning about and celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. It's a jam-packed month, let's start the New Year on a great note; ready or not, here we come 2024!

### **Ms. Vangie - Class # 5**

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope you all had an amazing winter break and are ready to start many learning activities. We will work on participles, homonyms, creative writing, and adverbs. We will read our assigned literature books as well. In math, we will do rounding numbers, Roman numerals, 4 operations, and word problems. We will review lessons learned in botany and zoology before we start geography and history. We are also excited to share and talk about our dreams as we honor the life of Dr. Martin Luther King. Looking forward to another great 2024!

### **Ms. Jessica - Class # 6**

Happy New Year, OMS Family! This month we celebrate and honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. We will be studying about his life's work towards bringing compassion, fairness, and equality through books, videos, and engaging activities. While we are inspired by Dr. King's legacy of good citizenship, this month we learn about why it is important to cultivate good citizenship. A positive society leads to continuously improving not only for the well-being of ourselves but also for the well-being of the environment we live in. We will create a fun bucket list of kind and good deeds to complete together! While we had a lot of fun learning about the coldest continent on Earth, it is time to visit the hottest! Our next stop is Africa! We will learn about the animals that inhabit the area and famous landmarks Earth!

### **Ms MaryAnn - Class # 7**

We wish you a very peaceful, blessed and Happy New Year! Our enthusiastic students welcome the New Year, 2024, with great excitement as they begin tackling more challenging tasks. Language continues with the assigned book for our literature lesson, more paragraph writing and grammar exercises. Math and geometry lessons will be on decimals, fractions, integers and review of finding the area of different figures. These lessons will keep our students busy. For Zoology, 4th graders will do the Comparative Analysis of the Vital functions of Invertebrates, 5th graders will continue their study on the Excretory, Endocrine, and Reproductive systems focusing on their functions and how they work as we conclude our lessons for the first semester. Make sure to sign up for our Parent Teacher Conferences so I can discuss your child's progress the first semester.

### **Ms Vanessa - Class # 9**

Welcome back and Happy New Year everyone! We hope you all had a wonderful and restful Winter break! We are off to a great start this New Year as our First Graders will begin working on Roman Numerals and measurements. Kindergarteners will learn to add and subtract with thousands. In Language, First Graders will work on learning contractions and continue their literature book readings. Kindergarteners will continue to strengthen their reading and answering questions for comprehension. We will honor Martin Luther King Jr's birthday by learning all about who he was and what he stood for. We're very thrilled for this New Year and excited to see what it has in store! Get ready to continue on our learning adventure! Here's looking forward to a new semester of learning!