



# ONEONTA MONTESSORI SCHOOL

## October 2025



**Halloween  
School closes  
@ 12:30 p.m.**



### INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

**School holiday- Monday, 13<sup>th</sup>**

It is a holiday that celebrates and honors all Native American Peoples and commemorates their histories and cultures. Indigenous Peoples' Day recognizes that Native people are the first inhabitants of the Americas including the lands that became the United States. It is celebrated across America and students in schools are made aware of their many cultures and customs that are still very much alive and practiced today.

### CULTURAL DAY

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

We pride ourselves on being a multi-cultural school and are privileged & excited to have staff and students who hail from over **38 territories, regions and countries across the globe this school year.** To learn more about each other we are planning a very fun and exciting Cultural Day here on campus.

We would like all our students to come to school dressed in cultural attire from their family's countries of origin. We have chosen 8 countries to be represented and have sent invitations to parent presenters. Students will have the opportunity to become more aware of where their friends are from, looking at pictures, artifacts, musical instruments & authentic clothing, listening to traditional music & asking questions about these amazing cultures & getting to taste samples of their delicious ethnic food. We are looking forward to a terrific day of learning! The idea is to bring awareness of each family's rich heritage, so our students become more conscious & aware of others and learn the importance about inclusion of all ethnicities & cultures. We will be taking many pictures and posting them on Dojo & our school website, so keep a look out!

### **ELDORADO FRONTIER – Long beach**

**Thursday, 23rd, TK – 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE**

All students in our elementary school will be going on this educational trip. Students will pan for gold, take part in a scavenger hunt, go on a train ride as well as a carousel ride, pick their own pumpkins and have lunch before hopping back on the bus to return to school. For this trip we will not need any parent volunteers. More information will follow shortly. Looking forward to an exciting adventure!

### **HALLOWEEN SHOW & PARADE**

**Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> @ 11:00 a.m.**

Children must come to school @ regular time in costume; everyone participates in the parade! Students will put on a show in the elementary playground before the parade. After that we will go for a walk around the block to say hello to our neighbors and other businesses in our community. **This year School will be a half-day session; school closes at 12:30.**

**We are looking for ONE family per class to decorate their car (in a Halloween theme) and park it around the block so that when our children go for their annual Halloween Walk, they will stop at the designated car and get some goodies. Please let your child's teacher know if you can do so. Thank You!**

**Parents, we welcome all of you to dress in costume & join us in the parade at school & around the block.**

Halloween snack party sign-ups will be posted so that there will be plenty of snacks for all. We ask that everyone be conscious of not providing candy, instead, bringing healthy snacks & goodies, thereby encouraging our students to be more aware of eating healthy! Thank You. **HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY HALLOWEEN!**

### **SEE'S CANDY FUND RAISER**

**Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup> - Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

It's that time once a year when we really need the help of our entire parent body. We would like to see 100% participation in our candy drive. This is our big yearly fund raiser to purchase new classroom materials & other resources for our students. Last year we were able to buy new Chrome Book laptops for our elementary kids & outdoor toys & equipment for our preschoolers. Thank you.

### **GREAT SHAKEOUT**

**Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> @ 10:16 a.m.**

Every year our school participates in the statewide earthquake drill to make sure we are prepared just in case the big one hits. Every class will join!

**We will Drop, Cover & Hold on for approximately 15 minutes.**

When given the cue, children will drop to their knees, go under desks/tables, sit back on knees, place heads on their knees making themselves into a little ball, use hands to shield heads and hold on firmly to a leg of the table.

### **Ms Emily's Ladybugs – Class # 1**

The Ladybugs are falling into more learning! Our class is embracing the beauty of autumn. We will talk about how the colors shift, and the wonder nature brings with the season. This ties perfectly with our lessons on the parts of a tree while also reviewing our primary colors. The Ladybugs will also be learning about Indigenous Peoples' Day and bring their learning to life with a creative craft. As we look ahead to Cultural Day, we will take a trip around the world to different countries and explore traditions, clothing, and foods, highlighting that being different is truly something beautiful. We will wrap up October with our exciting Halloween festivities! Happy Halloween!

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

Yay for the month of October! We will learn about Indigenous People by reading stories about Native Americans. For Cultural Day, our Dragonflies will have an adventure exploring and welcoming new cultures and learning how various people live, where they come from, and the different languages they speak. We will explore the wonderful change in nature's colors as we approach the fall season and take a nature walk around our neighborhood. We will learn about the bean seed & how it grows into a plant for science. With Halloween about to happen, we will learn about the skeletal system and learn the bone wiggling 'skeletal dance;' Happy Halloween Dragonflies! Parents, please join us on the 31<sup>st</sup>!

### **Ms Christina's Honeybees - Class #3**

BOOOO...is that a ghost I see? No, it's the Honey Bees decorating their classroom for Halloween. We will start the month off by observing the changing of the seasons. We will learn how some of the trees will begin to change their leaves into beautiful colors of purple, orange and red for fall. The Honey Bees will enjoy creating beautiful paper leaves using the primary colors and watch how the colors absorb through the paper. We will learn about the Indigenous People in America. We are also excited to celebrate Cultural Day and learn about the different countries when we visit the different classrooms. We will end the month with an exciting bone chilling Halloween parade.

### **Ms Karen's Butterflies – Class # 4**

Boo! Get ready for a fun and exciting month! October brings us many learning opportunities, grace and courtesy being one. Cultural day is right around the corner, and we are ready to embark on our journey around the world. As Indigenous Peoples' Day approaches, we will be learning about it by reading books, creating beautiful crafts and watching short videos. We have many special events happening this month and Halloween is one of them! We look forward to our special snack party followed by our Halloween parade and trick or treating around the block. We will also continue with our tradition of trunk-or-treat and need YOUR help to make it happen, as we need one volunteer to create the magic for our class! ☺

### **Ms Ernamarie – Class # 5**

Hello October! There's no better month of the year than this special time to enjoy the vibrant colors of the leaves and the traditions like Halloween and Diwali. Our class is ecstatic to set their eyes on first books in Literature. Our budding writers are going to be creative with their first descriptive paragraphs and personal narratives and continue with verbs and articles for grammar lessons as well. Study of Triangles, Quadrilaterals, and Lines and multiplication will keep them busy for math and geometry. History will focus on the Needs of Man and detailed study of assigned continents for Geography. October culminates with Halloween and will see everyone at the parade!

### **Ms. Theresa – Class # 6**

Our TKs are learning so much already—it's spooky! October brings bone-tingling fun and plenty of adventure in our curriculum. In botany, we'll continue to follow the seed and explore the life cycle of a plant. For zoology, we'll review the needs of living things and discover the parts of the skeletal system and their functions. In geography, after enjoying our journey through the solar system, we'll dive into Earth's land and water forms and learn about the many cultures and people who call our planet home, including indigenous communities. We'll also be preparing for one of our favorite events, Cultural Day! To top it all off, we'll celebrate the season with a howling good time at our Halloween Dance and Costume Parade.

### **Ms MaryAnn – Class # 7**

Happy Fall Y'All ! Our math wizards will continue to hone their skills in solving word problems, fractions, and angles in math and geometry. We will continue our learning journey on the study of the continent of North America and Africa for geography. Grammar review, reading and writing activities, and discussion of new books in literature, (have your books ready) will keep our students busy in Language. Alongside lots of Fall activities and celebrations like Cultural Day and most popular, Halloween. We will also honor our indigenous people and their cultures by acknowledging the native land they live on. We can't wait to dress up for Cultural Day and spook you on Halloween!

### **Ms Jessica- Class # 9**

Get ready for a Spook-tacular month as October is going to be an exciting month filled with many activities coming up! Plans are currently underway for our upcoming annual Halloween festivities. Alongside Trunk-or-Treat, get ready for a Fa-boo-lous performance! This month is also particularly exciting as we celebrate each other's differences with Cultural Day! Here at Oneonta, we place much significance in cultural diversity as it contributes to new ways of thinking, new knowledge, and respecting and appreciating the unique and different experiences of others. We also take this month to learn about Indigenous Peoples' Day as we honor and recognize our native inhabitants of the United States. We will learn more about the unique culture and history of the Indigenous People! As always, we are geared up and ready to take on the next month of learning!