



Oneonta Montessori School

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2026



WELCOME TO ONEONTA – EVERYONE!

A great big hello to all!

A warm welcome to Oneonta! Another year is ahead of us; we look forward to meeting all our new students and their families and working together to make this school year an exciting and fulfilling academic experience.

To all our returning Oneonta students, we hope you had a great summer and are ready to step into another year of learning and adventure.

We want to let everyone know that **'HAPPINESS'** is the culture of our school and want to remind everyone if we all do our part, we can guarantee an environment full of joy and cheerfulness.

Thank you for your cooperation!

For utmost safety on campus for our students and teachers, parents are not allowed inside. Students must be dropped off at each gate every morning; our staff will welcome students and guide them into the school and into their respective classrooms. At pick up it is the same procedure; we will use in-house walkie talkies for students to come to the gate.

PARKING LOT- DROP OFF/PICK UP

Preschool: Please Park on Street (front of school). Please do not drive into the parking lot as children are walking in. Parents must walk with children into lower parking lot & meet a teacher at the main gate under the tent. Drop off is before 9:00 a.m.

Elementary TK - 5th: Please drive into the upper parking lot through the alley. Parents accompany students to gate & wait to enter. Pick up is after 3:00.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT – Fri, Sept 4th

School closes at 12:00 noon

3:00 p.m. - Class #1, Class #4, Class #5, Class #7

4:00 p.m. - Class #2

4:30 p.m. - Class #6, Class #9

We would like to invite one parent per student to join us in person on campus. Teachers will make their presentations & pass on pertinent classroom information to parents. We would like to request that everyone please arrive a few minutes ahead of time & find a seat. Looking forward to seeing all of you!

Thank You.

2026- 20267 ONEONTA STAFF

Fiona Emersley	Director	Office
Christina Salazar	Administrator	Office
	Pre-School Teacher	Class # 1
Melinda Perez	Pre - K Teacher	Class # 2
Karen Romero	Pre - K Teacher	Class # 4
Ernamarie Sy	Teacher 1 st /2 nd	Class # 5
Theresa Vidrio	TK Teacher	Class # 6
Mary Ann Gulay	Teacher 3 rd / 4 th /5 th	Class #7
Jessica Cheung	K	Class # 9
Brenda Pineda	Assistant	Class #1
Diana Mayorga	Assistant	Class #2
Crystal Grijalva	Assis. Art/Sc	Class #4
Carol Muramatsu	Assist. SoSt/Art/Sc	Class #5
Zelma	Assistant	Class #7
Wendie Her	Assist. SoSt/Art/Sc	Class #9
Esmeralda Carrillo	Spanish, PE, Soc St, Daycare	
Audrey Ray	Elementary Bio	
Mr. Mario Hidalgo	Elementary Music Teacher	
Easy Cloud Solutions	IT classes	
STEM program	Stem N More	
Coach Jack -Soccer	Coach Jeff - Tennis	
Coach Josh - Basketball		

New Dance Company this year is Webby

We are honored to be your teachers and pledge to accept & treat every student with utmost respect.

SCHOOL STARTS AT 8:30 / 9:00 a.m.

For safety purposes, students must be inside their classrooms by 9:00 a.m. as recommended by Alhambra Police Dept.

Less movement in parking lots & classroom doors locked promptly at 9:00 a.m. is the goal. It takes all our parents to keep all of us safe, so we please ask for your cooperation.

CHOICE LUNCHES

Starts Tuesday, September 1st.

Parents: please familiarize yourself with the above website & make an account for your child after which you can pick what your child likes to eat & place the order daily or weekly. Lunch is delivered in personal lunch sacks; stays in a warmer until lunchtime.

UNIFORMS

All students on campus (TK - 5th) must wear the approved school uniform every day. Uniforms must be purchased from Apparel Collective **ONLY** as they are our exclusive uniform company.

Website is: Shopapparelcollective.com.

Phone Number is: 803-719-6260



Helpful Tips for a Successful Year



Elementary

- Start the day off by; waking up early, eating a healthy breakfast, getting backpack ready with school essentials, wearing the school uniform and getting to school on time.
- TK & K will start each school day at **9:00 a.m.** and end at 3:00 p.m.
- 1st - 5th graders will start each school day at **8:30 a.m.** and end at 3:00 p.m.
- All students must adhere to the Behavior Contract that will be addressed in school and sent home to parents as well. We ask that parents please support us by making sure children adhere to it without compromise so that the school environment is conducive to learning.
- IXL & Google Classroom are our internet platforms this school year. Students in 1st – 5th grade will have homework that has to be completed on a laptop/iPad at home.
- Students in 1st - 5th must bring a laptop/tablet/iPad to school. Days to be announced.
- Language/Literature, Math, Geometry, History, Geography, Botany & Zoology are the 7 core subjects that students will be graded on each semester with a grade key of A, B,C and 1,2,3.
- Special Subjects such as Science, Social Studies, PE, Spanish, Art, Music, STEM, IT Class will be graded with a key: VG, G, A, N/I.
- Students must complete all class curriculum requirements to graduate & move onto the next grade.
- Welcome to Oneonta Students; we hope you are ready for a challenge!

Preschool

SIGN IN/OUT VIA PROCARE APP @ GATE

- ❖ Parents will receive an email from Procure.
- ❖ Download the Procure App
- ❖ Make an Account
- ❖ Click on QR code at drop off/pick up daily.

SEPARATION

- ❖ Separation anxiety is a normal stage of development. Tears are expected from our little ones. Our teachers are loving, nurturing and experienced in helping your child develop a positive attitude about school.
- ❖ A positive conversation about the drop-off procedure with all positives/lots of encouragement must be **done at home** prior to coming to school. It helps!
- ❖ Before arriving at gate, be sure to give hugs & kisses, say good-bye & clearly state that you will be back for pick up.
- ❖ Please do not send any comfort items to school
- ❖ Good-byes should be brief, positive, affectionate and consistent.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

These are the activities that will be offered on campus to all students this school year. Demo classes by professionals in these sports will be conducted the week of August 31st. after which fliers will be sent home. You may register your child for one or more activities that will take place after school.

- ❖ **Monday** - **Tennis (5 yrs up)**
- ❖ **Tuesday** - **Basketball (5 yrs up)**
- ❖ **Wednesday** - **Dance (2 yrs up)**
- ❖ **Thursday** - **Soccer (2 yrs up)**
- ❖ **Friday** - **TBD**

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL DAYCARE

7:00 – 9:00 a.m. & 3:00 – 5:30 p.m.

- ❖ Students may use the day care program for before and after school care monthly for \$150 per month.
- ❖ Parents may purchase a Day Care Card for \$100.00 on an as needed basis plan; Occasional day care.

A great big welcome to all our students & families