



ONEONTA MONTESSORI School October 2016



COLUMBUS DAY - School holiday
Monday, 10th

FINGERPRINTING AT SCHOOL

Tuesday, 4th

Permanent Impressions, a Child Safety Program, will be here to take children's fingerprints. Please make use of this service; an important safety feature that is highly recommended for children of all ages. Please fill out the form & return to office ASAP. Thank you.

CULTURAL DAY

Friday, 14th, 9:00 - 12:00 noon

We pride ourselves on being a Multi-cultural school and are privileged to have staff and students who hail from over 30 countries. To learn more about each other we are planning a very fun and exciting Cultural Day where our students will get to learn more about where their friends are from. Going through our Cultural Form we have picked 9 countries to be represented and have sent invitations to those parents who will be presenters. Our students will learn more about these countries as they look at pictures, artifacts, trinkets etc and also get to taste a sample of food. We will be taking many pictures and posting them on our website, so keep a look out! Looking forward to a terrific day!

SEE'S CANDY FUND RAISER

Friday, October 21st - Thursday, November 10th

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 where we use the money to purchase new equipment/materials/toys etc for our students.

UNIFORM - True Grits (818) 495-4935

Students in TK - 6th grade must come to school in school uniforms purchased from the above company ONLY. *Pants/shorts/skorts purchased from any other store are not allowed and students who do not comply will receive a non-compliance form.* True Grits carries the brand names, Parker and Classroom, which are also allowed. Shoes must be either black or white only; any other color is not permitted. Thank you for your understanding and prompt co-operation.

HALLOWEEN PARADE

Monday, 31st @ 10:00 a.m.

Children must come to school in costume as everyone participates in the parade. Students may bring a change of clothes to school. We will assemble in the elementary playground so that the children will be able to see everyone else's costumes, after which we will go for a walk around the block to say hello to our neighbors and other businesses in our community. *Parents, we welcome all of you to dress in costume and join us in the fun parade.* Halloween snack party sig-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 AND FUN HALLOWEEN!

RED RIBBON WEEK

Monday, 24th - Friday, 28th

Our students are made aware of staying safe & drug free. The elementary students will make classroom banners, draw pictures, write essays & pledge to be DRUG FREE. An officer from the Alhambra Police Department will visit our school and talk to the students about the importance of Red Ribbon Week.

HEAR CENTER - AUDITORY SCREENING

Thurs, 27th - Preschool /K. Fri, 28th - Elementary

This is a free screening service that all parents should take advantage of. Identifying hearing loss at an early age allows for early intervention. Please fill out the form & drop it off in the office ASAP.

GREAT SHAKE - Thursday, 20th @ 10:20 a.m.

Every year our school participates in the nationwide Earthquake drill to make sure we are prepared just in case the big one hits. We will stop, drop & hold on for approx. 15 minutes so everyone gets familiar with the drill.

FIELD TRIP TO AMY'S FARM - Wed, 26th

Classes #8 & #6 #5 (1st graders) will have the opportunity to milk a cow, brush a horse, walk through vegetable gardens, pick vegetables, feed the farm animals & pick their own pumpkin. Here's to a hands on day @ the farm!

Ms Vanessa's Ladybugs – Class # 1

Our Ladybugs will explore the fall season as we go on a little Botany nature walk observing the changes & colors of leaves. We will read books from our school library to learn about Christopher Columbus and his three ships as he made his journey to America. For Science, we will learn about the planets; how different they all are. This year, for Cultural Day, our little ones will have an adventure exploring new cultures. Halloween is just around the corner; our lil' ladybugs are excited to create projects, make yummy snacks and learn about the skeletal system. Parents please join us for our Halloween Parade!

Ms Esther's Dragonflies - Class # 2

The second month of school! We have set all the ground rules and our happy little dragonflies are ready to spread their wings and fly. We will take some time to observe how leaves change colors, as we enter the colorful month of October. We will sail our way around the globe, as we discover the many adventures of Christopher Columbus. Cultural Day will also teach our children fun facts about other countries. We will learn about the skeletal system, which gets us ready for our bone rattling Halloween Parade and snack party! Please join us for this exciting event, on Monday the 31st! Make sure to dress in costume.

Ms Melinda's Honey Bees – Class # 3

The sweet Honeybees will explore the new season as we go on little walks to observe the change, texture, and color of leaves. They will also look at different types of trees and learn its parts. We will visit our school library to learn about Christopher Columbus and his three ships as he made his journey to America. In Science we will read many books and look at pictures on the different planets as we learn their names and what makes them look so different. With Halloween right around the corner we will prepare our little ones with many creative projects. A good time to learn their body parts with a cool skeleton project and skeleton song. Parents please join us for our Halloween Parade followed by a snack party. Happy Halloween!

Ms Audrey's Butterflies – Class # 4

October is here and we are off to another wonderful adventure in learning! Columbus Day is up first; what a great way to open up exploration of our beautiful culturally diverse world. The children are so excited about Cultural Day and seeing some mommies and daddies share a part of their world with friends! We will also continue our studies about the Universe and our solar system as well as the Skeletal System for Science... but it's not all work and no play for the Butterfly class...we will also be practicing a little bone shaking dance and decorating our room with some great projects to get the festivities started for our awesome costume parade on the 31st!

Ms Vangie – Class # 5

As we welcome fall, we have awesome activities to keep our kids busy; Columbus Day, Cultural Day, and Halloween. We will begin with our Literature reading; please bring the assigned book to class. 1st graders will be learning about nouns (possessive), verbs, and adjectives. 2nd graders will be learning kinds of sentences & letter writing. For math, we will focus on addition and subtraction concepts, place value, and rounding off. Cultural Arts will cover the Calendar, Clock of Eras, water forms, Earth and its parts, needs of plants and Vertebrates.

Ms. Sue – Class # 6

A month of adventure! Columbus Day, Cultural Day and Halloween are on the October fun list of activities. The discovery of America, the Calendar, water forms, a bean experiment and vertebrates are also on the agenda. Math will include mastery of dynamic addition and subtraction, and learning about the clock & telling time. Reading will be a priority for both grades with weekly reading logs that have already been passed out. All 1st grade students must bring the book, 'Families are Different' to class for Literature.

Ms Blossom – Class # 7

Happy fall! We have adjusted well to our classroom routine and are ready to set sail with Christopher Columbus on his voyage of discovery. We have prepared 'spooktacular' activities for this month. Our little botanists are ready to explore parts of plants and flowers. In Geography; 2nd graders will learn about the Earth, & 3rd graders will learn about countries/capitals of Europe. For Zoology, we'll learn about vertebrates. For Math, focus is on addition/subtraction concepts, estimation, and money value. We will begin our love for literature this month, by reading our first book.

Ms Terri - Class # 8

As another month begins, we look forward to a great adventure. Our class has settled in nicely and we are ready to sail with Christopher Columbus into the 'New World,' a lesson in History. We will be working on the four seasons and the life cycle of plants in Botany. 'Our Marvelous Bodies' will be the lesson in Zoology. We are excited that we will be starting our weekly public speaking activities for the Kindergartners. TK's will continue their public speaking on Mondays when they share their weekends and 'Show and Tell' Fridays.

Ms Ernamarie – Class # 9

Class # 9 welcomes the happy month of October with greater aspiration and zeal towards learning. The season of Autumn in the North and spring in the Southern Hemisphere also brings excitement to the fun-filled Halloween Parade and get together snack party at school. The study of continents, lectures & recitations in Math, Geometry, and Cultural Arts subjects! Indeed, an Octoberfest of school work and extra-curricular activities! Literature starts this month and students are eager to turn the pages of their brand new books.