



Oneonta Montessori School

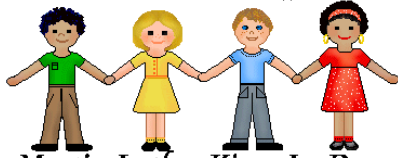
January 2018



HOLIDAY

No School Monday, 15th
In honor of
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

I Have A Dream



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

SPELLING BEE

Wednesday, 17th

The Spelling Bee elimination rounds will be held the week of the 8th - 12th. All students in 1st - 5th grade who make it to the final round will participate in the final on Wednesday, January 17th. Ribbons will be handed out to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners and a special medallion as well to the 1st place winner. Good luck students; brush up on your spelling words and do well in the Spelling Bee!

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!

POSITIVE TRAITS AWARDS

Elementary students

Our students have been working very hard to fulfill our high expectations; knowing what it is to be a good friend. Every month, students nominate two classmates who they feel have been exceptional role models to fit the two 'positive traits' of the month. We are very optimistic that all our students will have the opportunity to take home an award this year.

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!

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Tuesday, January 16th – Friday, January 26th

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 an accumulative score reflecting progress from September 2017 - January 2018. It is a special time for teachers and parents to meet.

POLICY WHEN CHILDREN ARE SICK

We kindly ask when your children are sick, that you please do not send them to school. It takes one sick child to infect all the children and the teachers as well. In December, we had two classes with half the number of students due to a flu bug that spread rapidly. Please DOJO your child's teacher and inform her when your child is not attending. We appreciate everyone's cooperation, allowing all our students to be healthy.

DRIVING UP AND DOWN THE ALLEY

Parents, we ask that you please be very aware when driving in the alleyway at the back of the school. The veterinary clinic shares this alleyway with us and very often dogs and their owners are in the middle of the alley trying to get across. There are signs posted; please make sure to look both ways and drive very slow. Sometimes dogs are on a long leash and you may not see them especially when driving **up** the alley so please be alert!

The upper parking lot between 8:15 - 8:30 a.m. is for drop off for elementary students only. We ask that parents who wish to walk their children into school please use the lower parking lot at this time to keep the area clear and have less traffic. Thanks!

A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

Another year older and a new one's just begun! Here's to good health, happiness and loads of fun & adventure at OMS!

Ms Terri's Ladybugs #1

Welcome back to school everyone, & here's wishing all of you a very Happy New Year. We are so excited to start a new year. We will be introducing our 5 senses this month; color, sound, taste, touch and smell. We will be traveling to Asia to learn about its people, places, and animals. We will also be introducing the clock with its two special hands that tells time, as well as the parts of a bird. We will be remembering Dr. Martin Luther King who taught us that everyone is equal. A trip to the school library will allow the children to learn more about him.

Ms Vanessa's Dragonflies #2

This month is full of new and exciting adventures for our clever dragonflies. They will learn new practical life skills such as using the proper three finger grasp when using chopsticks and lacing shoes. For language, we will learn how to rhyme words & understand nouns and adjectives. Our Dragonflies will have fun learning about the map of the Continents and Oceans. In Science, we are excited to learn about how items sink and float. Martin Luther King Jr's birthday is this month; we will learn more about him.

Ms Melinda's Honey Bees #3

Welcome back, "Happy New Year!" We will start our month with an art project by decorating Penguins; gluing the fins, tummy, inner body, eyes, and beak on for our new winter season. We will visit the school library to read why Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a special man and talk about his DREAM of all people being treated equal. In Geography we will study Asia which is the largest Continent, by reading books and learning the different foods and animals that come from Asia. For Science we will learn to make snow by mixing cool ingredients together. Our little honey bees are ready for the adventure ahead as we start a new semester of learning and fun.

Ms Audrey's Butterflies # 4

Happy New Year; welcome to a fun and exciting 2018! Science, art and history all hold wonderful opportunities for our little Butterflies to be challenged and soar in their learning environment. We will be celebrating diversity as we learn about Dr. Martin Luther King's powerful message. Role play and character building activities will help us to keep his dream alive. We are so lucky to have such a diverse classroom and have so much to learn from one another. Studying the Map of the Continents will give us an opportunity to learn more about the physical and cultural beauty of our planet. I am looking forward to celebrating the milestones and goals our little Butterflies have reached. Please sign up for a parent teacher conference. It is time we set aside to meet with our parents and inform them of their children's progress and we look forward to doing so.

Ms. Vangie - Class # 5

Welcome and a Happy New Year to all! After a restful and enjoyable Winter break, we are set to move on to more challenging work. To start with, reading new books for literature: James and the Giant Peach for 2nd grade and An Orange in January for 1st grade. More drills on tenses of verbs, antonyms, and homonyms for language, word problems and drills on multiplication tables 1 – 5 for math. We will also be learning/celebrating diversity as we read and discuss the great work of Dr Martin Luther King and his very special dream of equality for all.

Ms. Marie - Class # 6

January brings so many exciting lessons and activities our way; starting with the great Civil Rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.; the children will have an opportunity to learn what it means to be a good citizen. In botany we will be covering parts of a leaf and their use and discussing the external parts of a fish for zoology. Africa and all its famous landmarks will be our topic for geography. In keeping up with the rigorous curriculum, all 1st graders will be learning verb tenses, synonyms and use of 'is' and 'are'. An Orange in January is the literature book for the 1st graders. Kindergartners will be mastering simple addition/subtraction and moving onto the green language series. Welcome back to the world of learning!

Ms Blossom – Class # 7

We are ready to kick off the year by learning verbs in the present, past and future, synonyms, and compound sentences. Both 2nd and 3rd grade will read their assigned literature books; (2nd-James and the Giant Peach, and 3rd- Charlotte's Web). We'll start the first few chapters at school and the students will complete the book report at home. In Math, students will continue to sharpen their logical thinking with problem solving. In geometry, we'll learn how to find the perimeter and area of a basic figure. We are happy to be back to the wonderful world of learning.....Let's Go!

Ms Sue – Class # 8

Welcome back and Happy New Year to all. We hope you had a joyous and happy holiday season. January brings so many exciting activities and lessons our way; starting with the great Civil Rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.; the children will have an opportunity to learn what it means to be a good citizen and a kind person. In botany, we will cover parts of a leaf and their use, and discuss the external parts of the fish for zoology. We will be learning about Africa and all its famous landmarks for geography. In keeping up with the rigorous curriculum, all KG's and TK's are ready to work extra hard this semester mastering simple addition and subtraction in math and finishing the pink and blue language series in order to move on to the green language series.

Ms Ernamarie & Ms Mary Ann - Class # 9

Every end makes a new happy beginning. A joyous 2018 to all! We hope all our students had a relaxing winter break. The determination and perseverance of Room 9 students are unshaken, and with great effort, we will accomplish more. Perimeter of irregular figures, triangles, and fractions for math and geometry and skeletal system and animal diversity for zoology. Language continues with adjectives, pronouns and new literature assignments. Spelling bee is approaching fast, so time to review words and expand vocabulary. Let's start the new year off well!