



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Oneonta Montessori family! We realize that you place great value on your child's education and we are honored that you have chosen Oneonta to educate and nurture your child. It is a great honor and privilege that you have bestowed on us; we want to thank you and work alongside with you. We share the same high expectations, hopes, and dreams that you have for your child's future and together we can contribute to their success.

For over 30 years Oneonta has been dedicated to providing an enriching environment achieved by staying true to the Montessori philosophy, the child is always the central figure in the classroom; respect for the child is a tenet of the Montessori Method and is uncompromised at Oneonta. Our teachers are trained and certified in the Montessori Method of teaching. They motivate and encourage growth by insightfully following the child's lead. The child is encouraged to set and reach goals in his/her learning process, which in turn promotes a strong sense of self. The Montessori Materials that were designed by Dr. Maria Montessori ignite a spark of creativity in a child while developing his/her senses. The self teaching and self correcting materials lessen the intrusiveness of the teacher and allows imaginative exploration. Dr. Maria Montessori placed great emphasis on multi-age groupings; they are intrinsic to the Montessori classroom and enhance the learning experience; younger children are stimulated by the activities of the older children & older children reinforce their own knowledge by 'teaching' younger children. Through the integral Montessori principal of multi-age groupings; leadership, strong friendships and a profound sense of belonging is cultivated at Oneonta Montessori.

Our preschool not only defines a high quality early childhood education program; it raises the standard by continually evolving to meet the needs of each individual child. All our teachers are committed early childhood educators, instilling in all our little ones a sense of awareness and responsiveness in a happy and safe environment.

In the elementary classrooms, we prepare our students for transitioning into a traditional school setting by incorporating text books, seat work, weekly quizzes & spelling tests and a grading system. Proficiency results of the National Standardized testing (Terra Nova 3rd edition) are a testament to our high expectations and the hard work of our students. While staying true to the Montessori philosophy, our elementary Math and Language curriculum supports the California Common Core standards. Incorporating subjects like History, Geography, Botany, Zoology, and Geometry, allows our students to be curious and truly understand the world around them.

For the upcoming 2018/2019 school year, we will continue with the Mandarin language program that proved to be excellent addition to our Preschool - 6th grade curriculum. To place further emphasis on technology; students will learn more about Power point/Google slides, Word/Google docs, Word press, coding, networking, cloud computing using Amazon Web Services, cyber security and the dangers of social media. Our 4th - 6th graders will continue with the STEAM program that also proved to be very successful last year.

We make it our aim to provide a satisfying and rewarding partnership with you. Your ideas and questions are valuable to us; please feel free to stop in and meet with us any time. We anticipate a very successful and productive experience as we begin our educational journey together for the 2018/2019 School Year!

*Yours truly,
Fiona Emersley
Director*