



Oneonta Montessori School

October 2018



INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY **School holiday- Monday, 8th**

FINGERPRINTING AT SCHOOL

Permanent Impressions, a Child Safety Program, was here to take children's fingerprints today. If you missed the date, please let the office know. It is an important safety feature that is highly recommended for children of all ages, so it is good that parents take this opportunity. Thank you.

CULTURAL DAY **Friday, 19th 9:00 - 12:00 noon**

We pride ourselves on being a Multi-cultural school and are privileged to have staff and students this year who hail from over 48 territories, regions and countries across the globe. To learn more about each other we are planning a very fun and exciting Cultural Day where our students will learn more about where their friends are from. Going through our Cultural Survey, we will pick 9 countries to be represented and send invitations to those parents who will be presenters. We will have the opportunity to look at pictures and artifacts, listen to traditional music, and also to taste a sample of ethnic food. We will be taking many pictures and posting them on Dojo & our website, so keep a look out! Looking forward to a terrific day of learning!

SEE'S CANDY FUND RAISER **Friday, October 19th - Thursday, November 8th**

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 & other resources for our students.

UNIFORMS – CASUAL TEE

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.*** Casual Tee carries the only brand named uniforms allowed at Oneonta. Shoes must be either black or white only; any other color is not permitted. Thank you for your understanding and prompt co-operation in making it fair for all.

HALLOWEEN PARADE **Wednesday, 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. Children will assemble in the elementary playground so that everyone is able to see all the wonderful costumes. We will then 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 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 AND FUN HALLOWEEN!

KINDNESS WEEK Monday, 22nd - Friday, 26th

Our students have been made aware of the Positive Traits certificates that will be awarded throughout the school year. To support our pledge to boost kindness and to inspire our students to what is right, the NED (Never give up, Encourage others, Do your best) show will be here to talk about what NED stands for.

GREAT SHAKE – Thursday, 18th @ 10:18 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. We will stop, drop & hold on for approx. 15 minutes so everyone gets familiar with the drill.

NEW GATE CODES FOR ALL ENTRANCE GATES

New gates codes will go into effect shortly. Please, we ask that you give out the codes to only those who have been approved as per our last request, not everyone on the Emergency List. The safety of our students and our staff is our number one priority so we ask that you please adhere to this request diligently.

All visitors must push the button, wait for office to check the camera and then they will be buzzed in.

If visitors are here to pick up students for the first time, they must make their way to the office and show ID. If visitors have been here before, they may make their way to the classrooms directly. Thank you for your cooperation to make our school safe.

Ms Karen's Ladybugs – Class # 1

October is such an exciting month and our ladybugs are ready! October calls for new learning experiences, such as learning about Fall as we explore the beautiful changes all around us. We will learn about Indigenous People's day by looking at pictures and books as well as creating fun crafts. Learning about our solar system is always fun especially when we are working together to make our classroom planets. This month we will continue to learn about feelings and emotions and how to express ourselves emotionally. On Cultural Day we will learn about new food, customs and places. Lastly, here comes Halloween!

Ms Vanessa's Dragonflies - Class # 2

Our Dragonflies are so excited for this month of October! We will learn about the Indigenous People's holiday by visiting our school library and creating fun crafts. We will explore the wonderful change in nature's colors as we approach the fall season and take a nature walk around our neighborhood. For science, we will learn about living and nonliving things while caring for our plants and caring for our classroom pets. This year, for Cultural Day, our Dragonflies will have an adventure while exploring and welcoming a new culture and learning how various people live, where they come from and the different languages they speak. Grace and Courtesy are up most important and we are excited to continue practicing it this month.

Ms Melinda's Honey Bees – Class # 3

Our sweet Honey Bee's buzzed right through September and are eager to learn about October. A visit to our school library will teach us about Indigenous Peoples' Day along with a cool art activity. Our little Honey Bees will prepare unique crafts on children from around the world in preparation for Cultural Day. As we fall into a new season, a nature walk to experience the lovely colors of changing leaves will take place. We will also make our own beautiful fall trees as we learn about a tree and its different parts. A good time to learn 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! Everyone!

Ms Audrey's Butterflies – Class # 4

It's October and the Butterflies are falling in love with learning! Fall has drawn us in with all it's marvelous colors, scents and adventure. We will start off the month by learning about a very special holiday; Indigenous Peoples' Day. What a wonderful way to step into Cultural Day as we learn to appreciate all the diverse cultures represented here in our little school through this very special learning experience. The skeletal system will provide some bone rattling science fun and learning experiences; and exploring the Universe is sure to be a blast... The Butterflies have been hard at work on math and reading skills but it's not all work and no play for us...decorations, projects and fulfilled activities will lead us up to a howling good time as we get ready for our spooktacular costume parade! Please join us for all the fun on October 31st

Ms Vangie – Class # 5

October welcomes Indigenous Day, Cultural Day and the Halloween fun parade. As we sail into October, our classroom routines are coming along well. We will start off with our literature reading, kinds of sentences, on nouns (singular, plural, and collective nouns). For math, we will focus on addition and subtraction concepts, word problems, place value and expanded forms and rounding numbers to ten. Water forms, Earth and its parts, calendar, Clock of Eras and classes of vertebrates will be our cultural arts lessons.

Ms. Marie – Class # 6

Our first month of school as Kindergartens was not a fright but a great delight! We are having fun exploring new subjects in a new classroom & ready to creep into October. We are flying back into history to learn about indigenous people and Halloween. Our Botanists will learn the life cycle of plants and our seasons. We will explore zoology by taking a peek at our skeletal system. In social studies we will learn about all kinds of careers and cultures. Finally, we will dig around as Geologists to learn about our Earth's core, oceans, water and landforms. and clouds.

Ms Blossom – Class # 7

We are absolutely falling in-love with learning! We are all adjusted well to our classroom routine and are ready to go back in time and commemorate the history of Native American people. We will also share our similarities and celebrate our differences as we proudly show off our beautiful costumes from our country of origin on cultural day. In geography; we'll learn about Europe's countries and capitals. For zoology, we'll learn about invertebrates and parts of a porifera. For math, we'll focus on addition and subtraction concepts, estimation, and money value.

Ms Esther - Class # 8

A month of adventure, awesome and Spooctacular! Our little TK's and K's have adjusted well into their new classroom. We will continue basic addition in math and 'telling time' will be our new lesson for this month. The four seasons and life cycle of plants will be our lessons in geography and botany & 'Our marvelous bodies' for zoology. We are excited for our K's to start their weekly public speaking. TK's will continue their 'weekend sharing' & 'Show and Tell. Cultural Day will allow us to focus on honoring our differences.

Ms Ernamarie & Ms Mary Ann - Class # 9

October already & the class is in full swing! New sets of book assignments have been given for literary analysis. Review and new lessons in language and math continue to keep our learners engaged in class. Students will complete a detailed study of Asia, North America & Africa for geography & the timeline of life & man in history. Invertebrates, vertebrates, and plant facts will be the main focus in zoology and botany. More quizzes, recitation, research work and public speaking ahead!