

# Oneonta Montessori School



## September

2011



### Welcome Back

Welcome back to school! We look forward to working together with you in making this school year an exciting and fulfilling experience in learning. Don't forget to take some time out of your busy schedules to get to know our staff. We're all eager to meet our students and their parents and want to extend a warm welcome to all.



### Back to School Night

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 – 7:30.**

This is a night for parents only.

**Pre School: 4:00 – 5:30. Elem: 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

It is **mandatory** for all parents to attend. **School Closes at 12:00 noon** and child care is **not** available.

**Pre S parents please be seated in your child's classroom by 4:00 p.m. Elem parents pls be seated by 5:30 p.m.** The teachers will be talking about **curriculums, rules, for the school year.**



### Hot Lunch Program

The **Hot Lunch Program** begins **Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**. Last day to enroll will be **Thursday Sept 8<sup>th</sup>**. Every Thursday this year, lunch will be from either KFC or Subway.

### Parking Lots

The lower and upper parking lots are open to all for drop off/pick up. **From 8:15 – 8:30 a.m. the upper parking lot is a drop off zone only for elementary students.** Parking during this time is not allowed.

### Extra Curricular Activities Demos @ 10:00 a.m.

Hapkido	-	Friday, Sept 9 <sup>th</sup>
Gymnastics	-	Tuesday, Sept 13 <sup>th</sup>
Soccer	-	Wednesday, Sept 14 <sup>th</sup>
Dance	-	Thursday, Sept 15 <sup>th</sup>

### 2010-2011 Oneonta Staff Members

Fiona Emersley	Director
Audrey Velasquez	Assist. Director
	Pre-School Teacher Class # 4
	Elementary Biology Class # 9
Virginia Casado	Administrator/ 3 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Social Studies
Irma Jacobo	Pre-School Teacher Class # 1
Nancy Shing	Pre-School Teacher Class # 1
Christina Salazar	Pre-K Teacher Class # 2
Yvonne Roman	Pre- K Assistant Class # 2
Melinda Perez	Pre-School Teacher Class # 3
Michaela Feria	Pre-School Asst. Class # 3
Paula Reyes	Pre-K Assistant Class # 4
Vangie Gallardo	1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher, Class # 5
Gricelda Felix	1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Asst. Class #5 Spanish/1 <sup>st</sup> Social Studies
Dorothy de Silva	1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher Class # 6
Aixha Cojulun	1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Asst. Class # 6 3 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Spanish
Amie Leonida	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher Class # 7 4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Science
Anna Gilliland	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Asst. Class # 7 Elementary PE 2 <sup>nd</sup> Social Studies/1 <sup>st</sup> -2 <sup>nd</sup> Science
Sue Amarasekera	Kindergarten Teacher Class # 8
Noemy Meshkat	Kindergarten Teacher Class # 8
Ernamarie Sy	4 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher Class # 9
MaryAnn Gulay	4 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher Class # 9 3 <sup>rd</sup> Math/4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Geometry/Zoology
Ning Sanga	Assist. Class # 9 Science - 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade
Jeanette Sosa	Computer Lab Instructor/Daycare
Lydia Guerrero	Art Teacher/Daycare
Ms. Shehani	Elementary Music Teacher

### DAYCARE BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL: 6:30 – 8:30/9:00 a.m. & 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Morning daycare roll call for 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will be at **8:10 a.m.** and for Preschool & Kindergarten students at **8:40 a.m.** In the afternoon, roll call will be at **3:20 p.m.** for all. If you haven't signed up for daycare and your child is in school at these times you will be charged daycare fees of \$ 7.50 per day or \$ 100.00 per month. If you would like to add your child on the daycare roster, please see Ms Virginia in the office.



## Helpful Tips for a Successful Start

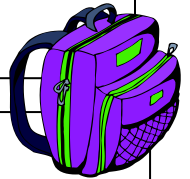
### Good Morning!!

- Encourage your child to eat a healthy breakfast. Children learn better when they are not distracted by hunger.
- Skip the morning rush by having backpacks packed and clothing laid out the night before.
- **Be on time!!!** Giving your child enough time to greet friends and teachers as well as to say their good byes to you will ensure a smooth start with the right attitude. Let's strive for 100% perfect attendance!
- A positive morning routine will not only relieve the stress of the early morning rush but will encourage independence.



### Making Homework and Learning a Positive Experience

- Help your child develop good study habits by providing a positive & consistent homework schedule.
- Provide a quiet work atmosphere for your child free of clutter or distractions.
- Show your child that you are interested in his/her work by asking questions and keeping comments upbeat and encouraging.
- Take time to re-explain assignments if necessary.
- Go over homework with your child to ensure that it was completed accurately.



### Separation - Preschoolers

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 to develop a positive attitude about school. Children need on-going reassurance that you will come back for them after school. Sometimes separation can be just as difficult for the parent as it is for the child. Take time to get acquainted with your child's teacher and communicate any needs or concerns. Remember, your child knows you and will take your lead.

- ❖ Talk to your child positively about school, teachers, friends, etc.
- ❖ Go over your child's daily routine with him/her.
- ❖ Be sure to say good-bye and clearly state that you will be back.
- ❖ Good-byes should be brief, positive, and affectionate.

### Keeping It Together

Good organizational skills and success go hand in hand. Help your child develop these skills by encouraging him/her to:

- ❖ Keep belongings in their proper place both at home and at school.
- ❖ Label personal items such as sweaters, lunch boxes, backpacks, **homework** etc.
- ❖ Be responsible for his/her belongings. Children, not parents should carry their own belongings, store them and look for them if they have been misplaced.
- ❖ Back packs may be brought by the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> graders ONLY.

Let's have a great year!