


A HAPPY NEW YEAR

ONEONTA MONTESSORI SCHOOL

January '12

Gong Hai
Fat Choy



HOLIDAY
Monday, 16th
In honor of
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



SPELLING BEE
Wednesday, 18th

The Spelling Bee elimination rounds will be held the week of the 9th – 13th. All students in 1st – 6th grade who made it to the final round will participate in the final on Wednesday, January 18th. 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!



SPARK OF LOVE
Toy Donations

We know that in these difficult times charitable contributions are not easy. Your generous response to this charity was both overwhelming and touching. We are so grateful 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 all joined in to carry the toys to the Fire Station next door. What a wonderful way to end the year!

WINTER CLOTHING

The weather is so unpredictable during this time of year. Please make sure your child is wearing the appropriate clothing, including a jacket/sweater for the cold this winter season.

Elementary Students: Please make sure the school jacket/sweater is part of the school uniform. Students who don't comply with the uniform code will get a non-compliance reminder, so pls adhere.



PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES -
Tuesday 17th – Friday 27th

Please take advantage of this time to meet with your child's teacher. The conference will not only give you an opportunity to access your child's progress but will also assist you in effectively working together with your child's teacher to bring out your child's full potential. This is a great time to get all your questions regarding curriculum answered. Please make sure you sign-up on the conference schedule that will be posted on the bulletin boards shortly. A progress report will be given out to the elementary school children. The grade received will be an accumulative score reflecting progress from September '11 – January '12.

SPORTS TEAMS - ELEMENTARY

Red Falcons, Green Vipers, Black Hawks,
Purple Ravens and Golden Dragons!

All new students in the elementary school including the Kindergartners will be assigned a sports team. Last year the students had a blast as they represented their team in relays as well as in individual events on Field Day. This year Field Day is going to be on Thursday, June 7th. Practices will commence shortly so get ready to have loads of fun!



NEW ELEMENTARY PATIO

The elementary students have a new patio area to work and play under. The next phase of the elementary playground will be completed later on during the year when we are able to raise more funds. This will be installing the new play structure and rubber flooring. A very sincere thank you to everyone who participated in the fund raiser this yr!

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 such an exciting year ahead of us full of fun classroom activities and special projects. We look forward to having you participate in all our school functions and 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!



Ms Nancy's & Ms Irma's Ladybugs #1

Welcome back, lady bugs! We are energized and ready to kick off the year by learning how to button up our jackets to stay warm from the cold and exploring our five senses. In Math, we will learn about Color Bead Stairs, and how to use them. It will be a fun arts and craft month as we celebrate the Year of the Dragon by learning some Chinese songs and traditions for the new year.

Ms Christina's Fireflies #2

I hope everyone had a great break and is ready to get back in gear for the New Year. Keeping peace, helping and caring for others will be our main goal for the month to honor Martin Luther King Jr. There will be a take home project to make a list of the helpful and nice things your child does. It's Chinese New Year, get out your chopsticks for a fun celebration. The children will enjoy all the festivities with a dragon puppet and making their own animal zodiac mask. Make sure your watches and clocks are set to the right time because the children will be learning how to tell time hourly and really keep you on track.

Ms Melinda's Honey Bees #3

"Happy New Year" We will start off the month learning the parts of a bird with a hands on art project. We will learn about the continent of Asia, its diverse culture and where it's located on the map. We will visit the school library to read why Martin Luther King Jr. was such a special person. Science will be fun as we discover and explore our 5 senses with some creative art projects. Parents, can't wait to meet with you at Parent conference to fill you in all the wonderful experiences your little ones have accomplished so far.

Ms Audrey's Butterflies # 4

#1 on the list for 2012 is making our own clocks to tell time and stay on schedule. Martin Luther King Jr.'s powerful dream will be remembered with role play on fairness as well as listening to excerpts from his famous speech. For science crystal making will introduce us to winter weather. The Map of the Continents will give us a great opportunity to learn more about our world. It's the year of the Dragon; Chinese New Year will give us an opportunity to learn about the Chinese culture with hands on learning, stories, music, and food. I can't wait to share all the milestones and goals reached!! Sign up for a conference! Happy New Year!!

Ms. Vangie – Class # 5

Happy New Year to all !! After a quick review, we are ready to tackle more challenging work. Language will focus on verbs, reading comprehension and creative writing. Word problems and drills on addition & subtraction for Math. Needs of Man for History, Solar System and continent of Asia for Geography, Leaf and Reptile for Botany and Zoology. The children will also learn about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's fight for equality.

Ms Dorothy - Class # 6

Ms Aixha and I wish you all a very peaceful, blessed, and Happy New Year. Now that we're back at school, we will concentrate on more challenging lessons in Math and Language. We will be studying the solar system, parts of a flower, leaf, the Needs of Man, and the continent of Asia. Remember to practice words for the spelling Bee! I am looking forward to our Parent Conferences.

Ms Amie – Class # 7 A Prosperous and Joyous New Year to all! Hope this year brings us luck and prosperity. We start the year by emphasizing Adjectives in Language; also Root words, Prefixes & Suffixes. For Math, we will start long division. We will continue with the Fundamental Needs of Man in History; study the 5 Blankets of the Earth in Geography and have a detailed study of the Forms of Leaves in Botany. In Zoology, we will start discussing Invertebrates. It's that time again to get ready for the Spelling Bee!

Ms Sue & Ms Noemy – Class # 8

A Very Happy New Year Everyone! Since January is the rainiest month in Southern California, the changing weather will be a topic of discussion. We'll learn how meteorologists gather their information and learn about different types of clouds. The struggles, sacrifices and accomplishments of our great African American Civil Rights Leader-Dr. Martin Luther King will be the focus this month. We will review past concepts and move on to dynamic addition in Math. In Language our focus will be on nouns, adjective and verbs. Along with that our 'Little Newtons' are getting ready with Science Experiments and their big public speaking debut as they get ready for the Science Fair.

Ms Ernamarie & Ms Mary Ann – Class # 9

A Happy New year! Our high-spirited students welcome the brand new 2012 year with great excitement & curiosity as they tackle more challenging tasks. Language continues with more writing responses & mechanics while we discuss detailed lessons on Europe, S America and Australia for Geography. New sets of drill sheets on fractions, decimals and integers for Math and perimeter, area of rectangles for Geometry. Zoology keeps students busy with internal parts of vertebrates and invertebrates and human body.