



ONEONTA MONTESSORI School November 2020



School Holidays: *Veteran's Day: Wednesday, 11th*
Thanksgiving: Monday, 23rd - Friday, 27th

A SEASON OF THANKS.....

We are very thankful to all of you, our Oneonta families, for having chosen our culturally diverse school to nurture and educate your children. This school year was not what any of us had projected, but having had the summer to prepare, we were able to explore all types of learning platforms that would best compliment this new method of teaching. Every student in K - 6th grade learning virtually, has mastered Google Classroom and has surpassed our wildest expectations. Congratulations students! We admire your tenacity and determination to learn something new and are in awe of your capabilities. Keep it up! Our teachers have customized their classrooms and have learned alongside their students and hearty congratulations to them as well. They are always on the lookout for innovative new ideas to allow for making learning fun and exciting!



THANKSGIVING LUNCH

Friday 20th, 12:00 Noon.



We are sad that we can't invite all our wonderful parents to our annual Thanksgiving lunch. We used to look forward to it every year! We are going to however, continue our tradition by having lunch with students who are at school. We, the teachers, will act as surrogate parents! We have ordered a traditional Thanksgiving meal from a professional chef who will follow all safety protocols to cook & prepackage all the meals and deliver it to school. We want our students to know how important it is to keep the Thanksgiving spirit alive and are looking forward to a fun day of gratitude and togetherness.

HALLOWEEN CELEBRATIONS

Friday, October 30th

This year Halloween wasn't the same at Oneonta..... However, we were able to plan on a few activities that allowed for some joy and laughter on campus. All the little preschoolers and TK students got to dress up and have fun in their classrooms participating in Halloween songs, dances and poems. The TK students entertained us all by dancing to the Addams's Family theme song before they all got to trick or treat at school. All the virtual learners at home got to learn the dance song too and show off their costumes via Zoom. The highlight was the Halloween Drive By! Thank You parents for driving your kids! We loved seeing each & every one of them.

VETERAN'S DAY FIELD TRIP

Class, #10 - Thursday, November 5th

TK students will walk to the Alhambra Park to pay their respects at the Veteran's Wall, honoring all the brave men and women who died fighting for our country. Students must wear their green school shirt, and a cap. They will have snack at the park and return to school for lunch.

THANKSGIVING BREAK

Week of 11/23 - 11/27

As per our school calendar, school will be officially closed for the week to celebrate Thanksgiving. We are sorry, but there will be no child care available during this week.

Ms Karen's Ladybugs - Class # 1

This month our Ladybugs will have a fun time learning about sinking and floating with fun and exciting new projects. We will read books, look at pictures, and watch educational videos to learn about Veteran's Day. In honor of that day, the ladybugs will create a beautiful craft. The ladybugs will explore the rough and smooth boards in the sensorial area. In language, we will be introducing a new soundboard and the ladybugs will learn about the concept of zero in the math area. Thanksgiving is just around the corner and we are all thrilled to create projects, make yummy snacks and learn a fun skit. We are excited for fall!

Ms Melinda's Dragonflies - Class # 2

Our precious Dragonflies will learn the things that we have to be grateful for as we enter the month of November. Along with being introduced to a variety of fruits and veggies that are good for our bodies, we will learn about 'My Plate'. We will be making a healthy smoothie for our snack one morning. For Veterans Day, Dragonflies will acknowledge our HEROES by visiting our school library and reading books about why they are so special. We will dedicate a special board with a project to represent Veterans on this special day. Happy Thanksgiving all!

Ms Theresa's Butterflies – Class # 4

If there's one thing this year has taught us, it's to be thankful. November is a month to remember who and what we're thankful for. Of all things to be thankful for, we are thankful for the freedoms we have every day. Our Butterflies will begin the month by saluting the brave Veterans near and far on Veteran's Day. We will also be preparing for the Thanksgiving celebration by learning all the valuable lessons learned way back on the very first thanksgiving meal. Our friends have grown so much in such a short amount of time. I couldn't be more proud of my little Butterflies as they continue to reach new goals and heights every day.

Ms Jessica – Class # 10

November has arrived and it's finally beginning to feel like Fall! Our TK friends couldn't be more excited for the cool weather and upcoming festivities this month! We start with our first national holiday, Veteran's Day, a special day reserved in the year to honor our brave veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and for their service and sacrifice. We will be learning about healthy eating habits and the importance of exercise and sleep for the growing body. We will be learning about the celebration of the fall harvest that is Thanksgiving! This month we will also be exploring our first continent; Europe We will learn about the animals that inhabit the area and famous landmarks found in Europe! Our scholars loved learning about England last month so you can count on their excitement for the 3rd most populated continent in the world!

Ms Vangie - Class # 5

November is the month of appreciation and giving thanks. As we begin this month, we will talk about Veteran's Day and remember and honor the brave men and women who fought for our country. Literature reading: My Father's Dragon, proper and common nouns, verbs and its tenses will be our language lessons. In math, roman numerals, 3 –4 addition and subtraction, and word problems. Flowers and bird CNC for botany and zoology. A Happy Thanksgiving to all our OMS families!

Ms Vanessa - Class # 6

Wow! We are now in the month of November! This month is very important as we will be focusing on the many things to be thankful for; given the circumstances we are currently facing. Our wonderful First Graders will be hard at work learning the value of money and understanding expanded form up to thousands. We are enjoying our literature book group readings and look forward to this month's new book! In language, we will focus on synonyms and singular and plural Nouns. We also cannot forget about our wonderful Veterans who have protected and served our country! We will pay tribute to our Veterans with a writing & art prompt.

Ms Blossom - Class # 7

Hello Sweet November! Thanksgiving is fast approaching. It is a time to give, to love and a time to reflect on the things that matter most in our lives. We start the month learning more about verb tenses, conjunctions & in math, multiplication/skip counting. In zoology we will continue to master external (3rd) and internal (4th) parts of invertebrates. In botany, we will learn parts and functions of fruits. Our Veterans will be remembered as we pay tribute to them. Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

Ms Audrey - Class # 8

November is here with the crisp chill of fall! We have so much to be thankful for; family, friends and those who have given so much to protect our country. Our special assignment is to visit the Veterans Memorial in Alhambra and perhaps get the chance to thank a veteran for their service to our great country. I am so proud and thankful for my Kindergarteners. Their hard work and progress is a reflection of their determination, resilience and positive attitude during this very difficult season. I am so thankful to come to work and see their beaming smiles every day! They make being their teacher the most wonderful job ever!!

Ms Mary Ann - Class # 9

Thanksgiving and harvest festivals are times when we remember all our blessings. Focus on this month's Math and geometry; perimeter and area of regular and complex figures, fractions and decimals. We will continue with the study of leaves and internal parts of roots and stem for botany. For zoology, the 5th graders will be busy studying the human body focusing on the skeletal, muscular, and nervous system while the 6th graders will continue working on Class Reptilia and Aves and its orders.