Dear Parents and Guardians,
Welcome to a new and exciting school year at Oneida Central Public School. I hope that everyone had a great summer! I am pleased to be your child's teacher this year. I look forward to meeting you soon. Oneida Central Public School's "Meet the Teacher Night" will be held on September $12^{\text {th }}$ from 6-7:30 p.m. I am looking forward to guiding your child during a challenging and rewarding year of learning. A classroom calendar and newsletter will be posted on the school website each month. I try to ensure that the most up-to-date information is on both items, but please check your child's agenda to look for anything that arises after the calendar and newsletter have been posted to the website. These items will highlight special items, events, and curriculum information.

Our school day starts at 8:45. If your child is driven to school please ensure that they are at school on time for the commencement of the day. If your child arrives late for school, they must check-in at the office and obtain a late slip.

Here is the daily schedule at Oneida:
8:25-8:45-Recess
8:45-10:25-1 ${ }^{\text {st }}$ Instructional Block
10:25-10:45-Nutrition Break
10:45-11:05-Recess
11:05-1:05-2 ${ }^{\text {nd }}$ Instructional Block
1:05-1:25-Nutrition Break
1:25-1:55-Recess
1:55-3:15-3 ${ }^{\text {rd }}$ Instructional Block
3:15-Dismissal

Throughout this newsletter, I would like to take the opportunity to share and introduce you to some of the things that will be happening this year.

## Language

In the Language program this year, students will be engaging in a variety of Read Alouds, Guided, Shared, Modelled, and Independent reading, writing and oral activities throughout the year. Students will become better readers and writers through activities that include a focus on high-frequency words, reading comprehension, and word solving and building strategies.

Every Monday, students will bring home a list of spelling words written in their agenda. The words on the list are comprised of high-
frequency words, pattern words, and words taken from guided reading books. Students will be tested on the weekly words each Friday. This will begin next week.

## Mathematics

This year in the mathematics program there will be a variety of learning experiences that include partner, whole group, and independent activities. These activities will focus on real-life, meaningful problemsolving experiences where students will be required to explain their thinking using pictures, numbers, and words. Math homework may be sent home throughout the year for extra practice of concepts.

## Physical Education and Health

Physical Education and Health will be taught on Days 2 and 4. I would ask that on those days students have a pair of clean running shoes (which can be the same as their indoor shoes). This is a safety requirement for students to keep them safe as they participate in class. The Health program will be taught once a week on Day 5.

## Library and Computers

The children will have a library book exchange on Day 3. It is important for children to remember to return their books on that day. Students will also have time on the computers on Day 2 and 4. This year we have a portable computer lab which will allow us to have computers in our own classroom. Computer time will be used to develop keyboarding skills, as well as, allow students to gain experience on computers through programs and activities related to other subjects.

## Communication Books

Each child will have an "Agenda". The cost of the agenda is $\$ 5.00$. Please pay as soon as possible on School Cash Online. The agenda will be brought back and forth from school daily. Students will be expected to record information that will indicate homework, test, projects, and special events. I ask that you check over your child's agenda each night and please initial it so that I know you have read it. Student agendas will be looked at each morning to check for any notes and I will be initialing the agenda so you know I have seen it. Notes, newsletters, book letters, etc. will be sent home in the agenda. Any tests or assignments that require a parent's signature will also be sent in the agenda. I ask that you sign and return items so I know that you have seen them. Please encourage your child to take responsibility for his or her agenda and its contents, as it is part of their homework to ensure that it is at school every day.

## Other Important Information

- Students are asked to help keep our class clean by bringing a pair of indoor shoes they can use in the classroom.
- Our school is a nut free environment. I ask that you do not send any nut/nut products in your child's lunch as there are students with severe allergies in the school. Please help to maintain a safe learning environment for all students.
- Monthly, I will provide you with a Scholastic Book Club order form, but there is No Obligation to purchase anything. There is also an online parent pay option.
- I have sent home magazine subscription sheets. If you would like to order please complete the form, but even if you are not interested could you please sign it and check the area that says you are not interested. If the forms are returned, free items can be earned for the classroom.
- This is just a reminder that all school volunteers must have a current police check on file at the office. If you would like the paperwork to become a volunteer, Mrs. Peart has the forms in the office and there is no cost to getting a police check. So if you are thinking about volunteering at school this year, please keep this in mind.

The month of September will have a major emphasis on establishing and reinforcing classroom routines. I look forward to a wonderful year working with your child and getting to know them. Please contact me at the school or in the student agenda if you have any questions or concerns. The school phone number is 905-765-4700.

Sincerely,

Mrs. A. Zandberg


