

**Young Diplomats Magnet Academy**  
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Second Grade! We are looking forward to a happy and productive school year. Second grade is both challenging and interesting, so please prepare yourself and your child for hard work and success.

This year, your child will continue to learn more language and phonics skills in word study, reading, and writing as well as make new discoveries in math, science and social studies. The transdisciplinary themes that will be covered this year are as follows:

Unit 1 – Where We Are In Place and Time

- Social Studies: Different types of communities

Unit 2 – How We Organize Ourselves

- Social Studies: Rules and laws for communities

Unit 3 - How We Express Ourselves

- Science: Structure and Properties of Matter

Unit 4 – How the World Works

- Science: Processes that Shape the Earth

Unit 5 – Who We Are: Where Are We

- New York City Over Time

Unit 6 – Sharing the Planet

- Science: How plants adapt to survive in different habitats.

We have attached a supply list that is essential for your child's success. It is important that your child comes to school equipped with the tools that he/she needs to learn. Students are asked to bring the supplies to school as soon as possible so we can get into our routines and organized.

Please watch closely for our newsletter at the beginning of each month as well as other notices that will be placed in your child's folder. A homework sheet will be given to your child on the first day of every week. Checking the folders that go home each night will help you keep in touch with us and aware of what is going on in our classroom and school wide. Studies show that parental involvement in a child's education is one of the strongest indicators of student achievement. Also, spending time with your child reading or completing homework with them every night is something that can truly help them. We also hope you will make it a priority this year to attend as many school-sponsored events as possible.

Our school will be having Curriculum Night on September 12, 2019 and Parent-teacher Conferences on November 14, 2019. Until then, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to leave a message in the office or send a note with your child and we will contact you at our earliest convenience. We have very high expectations for our students, and look forward to working with you to make sure that your child reaches his/her full potential.

Sincerely,

The Second grade team