

Young Diplomats Magnet Academy

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Dear Fifth Grade Families,

Welcome to 5th grade! There are many exciting and challenging days ahead of us this school year and we can't wait to get started! The fifth grade is an important year for your student to begin the transition to middle school and it is crucial that the students come prepared and on time every day!

We believe that communication is the key to a great parent-teacher relationship. We encourage you to contact us if you have any questions or concerns at any time. You can send us a note or email at rdennis3@schools.nyc.gov. Don't forget to check your child's backpack for weekly homework sheets and monthly newsletters as materials in the 5th grade are often time sensitive and require immediate attention.

Please feel free to participate in your child's 5th grade year as much as you are able. Helping hands are always needed. Whether it is helping with field trips, IB Exhibition, or any other participation, volunteering your time will enrich our classroom experiences.

Our school will be having a Curriculum Night on September 12, 2019 at 4:30pm and Parent Teacher Conferences on November 14, 2019. However, 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 I will contact you at my earliest convenience.

We are looking forward to a wonderful and exciting year with you and your child! We will have many wonderful experiences and opportunities to learn and grow in the days ahead.

Sincerely,

R.B. Dennis

5th Grade Teacher 5-206

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR UNITS OF STUDY AND SUPPLY LIST!!

5th Grade Units of Study for 2019-2020

Unit 1 Sharing the Planet: *Depending on Each Other* -Students learn about issues impacting animal biomes

Unit 2 How We Express Ourselves: *Voice of Courage* -Students learn about the struggle for civil rights

Unit 3 How the World Works: *Understanding the Universe* -Students investigate the Solar System

Unit 4 Where We Are In Place and Time: *Exploring the New World* -Students learn about the Age of Exploration.

Unit 5 Who We Are: *Balancing Life* -Students understand the importance of living a healthy lifestyle.

Unit 6 How We Organize Ourselves: *Exhibition* -This is a culminating hands-on project that reflects topics learned throughout the year.

5TH GRADE SUPPLY LIST

Here is a list of supplies for the upcoming school year. (Please label supplies such as boxes of pencils and USB drive with your child's name)

- 4 composition notebooks
- 4 boxes pencils (#2)
- 5 two-pocket folders
- 6 two pocket folders with prongs (2 red, 2 green, and 2 blue)
- 2 packs of loose-leaf paper (**WIDE RULED ONLY**)
- 1 pack of dry erase markers
- 1 pack of glue sticks
- 1 box of facial tissue
- 1 Personal USB Flash Drive
- 1 pack of white multi-purpose copy paper
- 1 Anti-bacterial wipes
- 1 hand sanitizer
- 1 head phone (for in class computer use)