

# Young Diplomats Magnet Academy

*An International Baccalaureate World School*

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to 4<sup>th</sup> Grade! We are excited to start this school year off! We look forward to all of the hard work from all of our students.

Your child will be taking the NYS Math, ELA, and Science tests this spring. With your support and guidance, we will be preparing your child with all the necessary test-taking skills they need for these exams.

In math, the 4th-grade curriculum centers on multiplication and division, including using these operations with fractions and decimals. It is very important for your child know their times tables. Please practice with them at home when possible. Learning the multiplication facts will help your child be successful with the more advanced concepts we will study throughout the year.

Our content-based (science and social studies) inquiry units will go along with our reading and writing units. In writing, we will write 2 narrative essays, 2 argumentative essays, and 2 informational texts. In reading, we will explore fiction and non-fiction texts to practice skills such as, making inferences, summarizing, comparing and contrasting texts, and identifying character change.

Homework should be completed daily as a review of the material covered in class. Please check your child's folder each night for important notices.

Your child will be assigned inquiry projects during each unit to complete at home. These projects will be presented in class and are part of their report card grade. If you have any questions or concerns please message us on ClassDojo.

Our transdisciplinary themes will be as follows:

Unit 1: How We Express Ourselves - Native Americans

Unit 2: Sharing the Planet - Plant and Animal Adaptations

Unit 3: Where We Are in Place and Time - The United States Government

Unit 4: How the World Works - Rocks and Erosion

Unit 5: Who We Are -Electricity and Magnetism

Unit 6: How We Organize Ourselves - The Industrial Revolution

Working together equals success!!

Please see below for the school supply list.

Thank you,

Fourth Grade Teachers

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade Supply List**

- 1 – packs of wide ruled loose-leaf
- 3 - marble notebooks
- 6 - boxes of pencils (pre-sharpened)
- 2 - boxes of gallon Ziplock bags
- 1 - roll of Clorox wipes
- 2 – boxes of tissues
- 1 – pack of dry erase markers
- 2 – packs of 4X4 lined Post-Its
- 1 - pack of index cards size 4X6 lined
- 1 - pair of headphones (to use with our laptops)