

# 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 [jbrown55@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:jbrown55@schools.nyc.gov) and/or [kcutrone@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:kcutrone@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 is 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.

We look 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,

Dr. J. Brown & Ms. Cutrone

5th Grade Teachers 5-202

**SEE BELOW FOR UNITS OF STUDY AND SUPPLY LIST!!**

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Units of Study for 2023-2024

**We will be studying the following units over the course of the year:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

## 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SUPPLY LIST

Here is a list of supplies for the upcoming school year.

- 1 composition notebook
- 4 boxes pencils (#2)
- 2 packs of loose-leaf paper (**WIDE RULED ONLY**)
- 1 pack of white multi-purpose copy paper
- 1 pack of dry erase markers
- 2 boxes of facial tissue
- 2 Anti-bacterial wipes
- 2 hand sanitizers
- 2 hand soaps
- 2 rolls of paper towel
- 1 head phone (for in class computer use)
- 1 pack of highlighters
- 2 packs of baby wipes