

**Arthur S. May 2023-24**



## **Welcome to Mrs. Ashley's Classroom!**

Dear Students and Families,

Welcome to the 2023-24 school year, and welcome to our classroom! My name is Danielle Ashley, and I will be your child's teacher this year. I look forward to all of the learning and fun we'll have this upcoming school year! This is my third year teaching in an 8:1:3 setting at Arthur S. May. Before becoming a teacher here, I worked in a self-contained special education preschool setting since 2016. I have a strong background in ABA as well as experience in working with children with Autism Spectrum Disorder and other communication, sensory, and behavioral disorders. I focus on teaching a variety of skills that can be applied to other settings in addition to the classroom in order to give students the opportunity to succeed both in and out of school. In our classroom, all students' achievements are celebrated, and I cannot wait to be a part of their journey this year!

I strongly believe in open communication between the home and the school environment. During the school year, updates will be coming home in many forms, including notes, completed class work, emails, etc. Each day, a communication notebook will be sent between home and school in order to give us the opportunity to communicate with each other daily. I will be writing updates from school there and you can write updates from home that you would like to share. I will also be sending home a laminated communication board that lets you know what activities your child did that day (e.g., art, writing, sensory, etc.). You can also reach me via email ([dashleydambrozio@acsdny.org](mailto:dashleydambrozio@acsdny.org)) and a class app (which one specifically to be determined) to exchange messages and calls. Feel free to communicate any comments or questions that you may have! In the beginning of the year I will also send home a questionnaire for you to fill out to help me "get to know" your child. This is extremely important for us to help learn more about your child and connect with things that he/she is familiar with. This will also help us to determine your child's preferences for reinforcement.

I look forward to beginning the school year and meeting everyone! Working together will make this an exciting and productive year to come!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Danielle Ashley  
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