



September 2024

Dear Students and Families,

Welcome to Arthur S. May for the 2024-2025 school year! I am very excited for the opportunity to get to know both my students and their families. This is my 19th year teaching special education and I am looking forward to a happy, productive and exciting school year. Along with my teaching certifications, I am also a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA). I have spent most of my career working with children with communication and behavioral disorders and students on the Autism spectrum.

I believe that one of the most important ways to ensure success with students is to create a community in the classroom which includes open communication between home and school. I know that your child may or may not be able to talk about their experience at school when they return home. We will use a communication notebook to provide you with important information on a regular basis. Please feel free to also send me notes in this notebook. It is meant for us to use as a tool to keep informed about successes and difficulties going on both at school and home.

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 have also attached a supply list which outlines necessary items to support your child’s learning. Due to the unique nature of the class some of the items may seem unconventional. Please make sure to send a healthy snack and a drink for your child every day. If you have any questions or concerns you can email me at kceasarine@acsdny.org.

Once again, welcome and let us work together to make this an amazing year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kimberly Ceasarine

Special Education Teacher

