



The Michael J. Petrides School

Middle School Newsletter Grade 5

June 2018



“Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer’s day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time.” John Lubbock

Dear Parents,

Your partnership with our school is paramount to the work we do each day. We sincerely thank you for your consistent collaboration in making the 2017-2018 school year a success!

Before we anticipate the lazy, restful days of summer, I have some important information about the end of the school year.

Your children are continuing to work on meaningful academic tasks throughout the month of June. I would like to remind you of the importance of attendance and punctuality to school. All students should continue to come to school each day prepared to learn. Students must promptly transition from class to class and continue their pursuit of academic excellence through the remainder of the school year.

Students MUST continue to wear their SCHOOL UNIFORMS to school each day. Our school uniform consists of a light blue shirt and navy bottoms. Students are also permitted to wear shirts with the school name or logo on them and black athletic pants.

We have prepared the rigorous testing schedule for our 8th grade students during the month of June. Please see the attached schedule with specific directions for a smooth and easy test administration. It is important that you note the change in start and end time of the school day on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 12th and June 13th.

For those of you who would like to get an early start, I have attached a supply list and summer reading assignment for the 2018-2019 school year.

All textbooks, library books and novels that have been issued to your child during the school year **MUST BE RETURNED** prior to June 22nd, 2018. Your child will not receive a report card if they have an outstanding account.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 718.815.0186 extension 22171 or BSouffrin@schools.nyc.gov.

Sincerely,

BettyAnn Souffrin
Assistant Principal

What topics will the students learn this month?

ELA – In June the students will complete culminating activities pertaining to the three novels we read in class this year. We will be analyzing common themes across fiction. The students will also publish their Persuasive Writing Piece.

Math – Step up to grade 6- Students will understand ratios, rates and units, equal ration & proportions, use ratio tables, compare rates, multiply with zeros in the product, review GCF, use expressions to describe patterns, explore properties of operations and surface area.

Science – We are ending our studies in 5th Grade Science with Nutrition, Health and Wellness. In preparation for the soon approaching summer vacation, we are learning about the importance of hydration, good hygiene, healthy eating and the value of moving our bodies.

Social Studies – In class, students will work in groups and with partners to understand the many issues that surrounded slavery and how the Underground Railroad worked. Packets and a final personal narrative will be completed in class.



Test/Projects Dates

June 1st – ELA Wordly Wise Chapter 17
 June 8th – ELA Wordly Wise Chapter 18
 June 14th – ELA Wordly Wise Chapter 19
 In Science we will have open notebook quizzes throughout the unit. The students will also be having FINAL PORTFOLIO EVALUATIONS of all their accumulated work. Students will be bringing their work collection home and are encouraged to HOLD ONTO them in preparation for the start of 6th Grade Science.



REMINDERS!

Bring sharpened pencils and Math notebook daily to class. Keep updated daily with “Remind.”

Students are encouraged to continue their learning experience by researching more about the American Colonies and the Revolutionary War by visiting websites such as History.com, Ducksters.com or socialstudiesforkids.com

We won a \$50 GRANT from Con Edison for our successful completion of our Environmental Studies unit. BRAVO young ecologists!

Thank you to all of the 5th Grade families for their unwavering support in our Science Program.

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Required Reading



ELA – Esperanza Rising by pam Munoz Ryan; The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo; Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli; Various nonfiction texts

Math – Pearson Step Up to Grade 6

Social Studies - Students will read “Escape to Freedom, The Underground Railroad Adventures of Callie and William” by Barbara Brooks Simon and listening to “The Journey of the Underground Railroad- Escape from Slavery”

School Closing

June 7th – Chancellor’s Conference Day
June 11th – Clerical day
June 15th – Eid al-Fitr



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1 ELA Wordly Wise Chapter 17	2
3	4	5	6	7 No School	8 ELA Wordly Wise Chapter 18	9
10	11 No School	12	13	14 ELA Wordly Wise Chapter 19	15 No School	16
17 Happy Father's Day	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Early Dismissal 11:20am Last Day of School	27	28	29	30