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Good morning I.S.201! It's Sophia from class 731 for this Words of Wisdom Wednesday on behalf of the S.E.A.L. team.

You may not be familiar with the importance of today, but I am here to tell you that today, May 17, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously ruled that segregation in public education was unconstitutional, overturning the "separate but equal" doctrine in place since 1896.

The term "segregation" means the act of separating people, historically on the basis of race and/or gender. School segregation began in the year 1896 separating black children from white children. It was felt that the children of former slaves would be "better served" if they attended their own schools and in their own communities. Then opinions began to change, and the *Brown v. Board of Education* Supreme Court case outlawed segregation in schools in 1954. This era of segregated education went on for some time after, being that many people were enraged with the idea of desegregation.

This turning point in history is something that is highly important and should be talked about, so more people can learn about how the fight for equality in schools affected how we live today.

Thank you all for listening, and have a We're All Equal Wednesday ☺

SEAL Team pledge:

We are the Dyker S.E.A.L. Team

Positivity is our dream

We teach it every day

To help others live the optimistic way

We learn to control our emotions and feelings

So, we always have effective social dealings

No stone left unturned; no person left behind

Every member of our team has the power to be kind

We spread kindness to our friends, families, and those who need a smile

When facing hardships and adversity, the S.E.A.L. Team goes the extra mile

