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Good morning I.S.201! My name is Sophia Giannone from class 831. Today, I have the honor of sharing with you some Words of Wisdom Wednesday, on behalf of the SEAL team.

As we navigate the beginnings of this school year, the idea of making new friendships might be lingering in our minds. I've been in rooms where I felt like an outsider, surrounded by unfamiliar faces, wondering how to start a conversation. But, as Maya Angelou once said, "We are more alike, my friends, than we are unalike."

Over the course of the next 10 months, those faces won't seem so unfamiliar. Shared projects, classroom interactions, and countless lunchtime conversations will turn those strangers into friends. So, the next time you hesitate to say hello, remember that beneath the unfamiliarity lies a potential friend, just waiting to share a story or a laugh. Let's make this year about connections, understanding, and turning those strangers into lifelong friends.

Thanks for listening and have a We're All Friends 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

