

September 8th, 2025

Rise and Shine, I.S.201! This is William Chen of class 852 speaking to you for today's Motivational Monday on behalf of the S.E.A.L Team!

Today is September 8th, otherwise known as International Literacy Day! The purpose of this holiday is to raise awareness about the importance of literacy. Literacy is important because without it, you wouldn't be able to read the words in the room around you, nor the words that are presented in let's say a book or an article. Literacy grants us several benefits and opportunities, as it allows us to gain understanding in several different fields. Not only that, literacy provides us with the information we need to speak and write out our thoughts, which allows us to express feelings or emotions we feel. It is crucial we appreciate our capability of reading and writing because there are millions of people around the world who are illiterate, meaning their freedoms and liberties are slimmed down severely. Could you imagine having to navigate day-to-day life without being able to understand

half of what you see? This is why it is vital for us to be grateful for and understand the gift of literacy.

Like Jane Addams, today's affirmation is: *"I serve others with compassion and I work together with others to create change."*

Thanks for listening and have a Mighty Readers Monday 😊

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

