

Dear Seventh Grade Parents,

This year in Social Studies takes us to the European world from Ancient Greece and Rome, Medieval Society and the growth of nations, through the Renaissance and Reformation into the Age of Revolution. We are beginning our studies this year with the study of Ancient Greece. We will study in depth the nationalization of Europe, the Byzantium Empire, the rise of Islam, the British Civil War (War of the Roses), the French Revolution and the end of absolutism in the European nations.

I expect the 7th grade Social Study student to keep an up to date notebook which includes: class notes, definitions of key concepts and terms, identification of key historical figures and the section review questions from the text.

Homework generally consists of nightly study of class notes (15 minutes each evening), reading of text material, review sheets, worksheets and an occasional long-term project. Seventh graders are required to participate in the HISTORY FAIR. We will begin work on this project after the Christmas break.

Students are also expected to monitor the world news by either watching the evening news, reading the newspaper, or discussing world events with their parent to enhance classroom discussion.

Tests and quizzes are given throughout the quarter and are generally announced prior to the testing day. Sometimes unannounced quizzes will be given. A FINAL is given at the end of the year.

Homework, class work and tests and quizzes are all used to calculate the student's quarter grade.

I'm looking forward to continuing our sixth grade European Studies, this year in the seventh grade. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me through the school office or by note. I will respond as soon as I am able.

Miss Welty