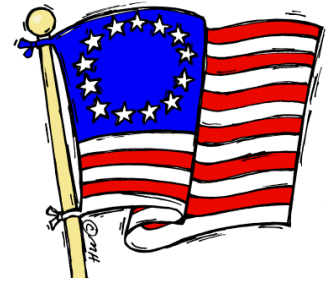




Social Studies for 7th/8th Graders



Dear Students and Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to the 2010-2011 school year and to Social Studies! I hope you had a great summer and are excited to be back in school. I am delighted to be teaching social studies to you again this year. Here is some information to help you have a successful social studies experience:

1. Course Description:

The 7th/8th grade social studies curriculum will focus on:

- The expansion of the US; 1820 to the Civil War and Reconstruction
- The Holocaust
- World Geography
- Current Events
- Economics

2. Materials Needed for Class Every Day:

- Binder
- Assignment book
- Spiral notebook
- Pen, pencil
- Textbook

3. Class Expectations:

- This is a learning environment so we Question, Think, and Discover! If you don't understand something, ask.
- Everyone is expected to be on time for class and prepared to learn with the materials listed above.
- Homework will be assigned periodically. It is expected to be completed neatly and with good effort. Students are given several days notice for homework assignments. If it is not completed, students will stay after school to complete assignments.

- Treat everyone and everything with respect. I will show you respect by being on time, being prepared, setting high standards, giving you my time and attention, and being fair. I know you will do the same for me.
- If you are absent, you must make up the work as soon as possible. Call a friend to check on assignments missed.

4. Assessments:

You will have the opportunity to be graded in a variety of ways:

- Tests and quizzes
 - Projects - both individual and group
 - Unit Assignments
 - Current Events
 - Homework
 - Extra credit (only given if current assignments are completed)
 - Other
5. All students will receive progress reports each marking period with a current list of grades. If any assignments are missing, it will be indicated.
6. Homework will not be assigned every night.
7. Students will be assigned a current events report once a month. They will be given report requirements and a schedule next week. Current events reports count as heavily as a test grade.

I look forward to an exciting year. Call or email me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. 995-4349 or mculley@milfordpublicschool.com
Please sign the bottom and send it back to me as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

_____ My child and I have read this information about his/her social studies class.

_____ Parent Signature

_____ Student Signature