

6th Grade Social Studies, Mr. Wintersteen Rm 29

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to sixth grade Social Studies at Ida Middle School. I'm excited to start a new school year and hope to make your son or daughter's experience an enjoyable one. Listed below are a few items to know in order for your child to be a successful student in my class.

Curriculum and Required Materials

- The curriculum for 6th grade Social Studies is aligned with the Michigan Department of Education's Content Standards for Social Studies.
- The social studies curriculum is a geography-based course which introduces students to the physical and human geography of the world. Beginning with a spatial way of thinking, students will explore a variety of thematic maps to illustrate how the earth is represented, the tools of geography, along with the Geographic Inquiry process to answer geography related questions. Students will examine a variety of global issues that come from human activities such as population change, migration, urbanization, resource use, globalization and economic interdependence, and the interactions among nations. Furthermore, students will explore how humans have used, adapted, or modified their environment and the consequences of those actions.

Assignment book	Colored Pencils	Highlighter	Filler Paper
Blue and black pen	Pencils	1-1.5 inch binder	8 pack of dividers with tabs

Google Classroom

- Google Classroom will be used periodically throughout the school year. The weekly agenda will be posted on Google Classroom on Monday. Extra copies of maps, lesson notes, **the Geography Alive textbook**, and additional course material will be posted on Google Classroom.

Grading

- Social Studies grades will be updated using Infinite Campus. You can monitor your child's grades using your Infinite Campus account. If you do not know your password please contact the Middle School Office at (734) 269-2220.
- Assignments should be completed and turned in on time. Late assignments will result in a reduced grade. Assignments turned in one day late will be reduced 10%, two days late will be reduced 20%, three days late 30%, and a zero will be given after that.
- Tests, quizzes, and projects/investigations will count for **60%** of the overall grade.
- Classwork and Homework will count for **40%** of the overall grade.

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Thank you,
Mr. Wintersteen