

Classroom Guidelines 2015-2016

Course: 6th Grade Social Studies

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**Welcome to MGLA:**

Hello students! Welcome to Ms. Higgins’ sixth grade Social Studies class! We are going to have a lot of fun in class this year, while also learning all about Social Studies. We will be learning about a range of material from geography, to early humans, to ancient civilizations, while having some fun along the way. I am very excited to get started, and I hope you all are too!

**Class content:**

This 6th Grade Social Studies course will be based on the NC Essential Standards. Meeting these standards will allow the students to study the topics of geography, early humans, ancient civilizations, classical civilizations, and the renaissance.

During this course, students will be using their critical-thinking and problem-solving skills by analyzing primary and secondary resources, participating in partner and group activities, and completing projects. In order to completely understand each topic we discuss, it is important for students to study for all tests and quizzes.

**Global connections:**

This course will allow the students to practice being a global citizen because in addition to learning about the history of our world, we will also spend time each week focusing and reflecting on current events happening around the world.

**Required materials:**

Students will need to bring with them a 1-subject notebook, loose-leaf paper, and something to write with (blue or black pen and/or pencils)

Classroom Wish List: includes paper towels, hand sanitizer, tissues, and Clorox wipes.

**Daily preparation and communication:**

Students are to entre the classroom prepared (on time and with all materials) and ready to learn (positive attitude and ready to participate.)

**MGLA Passports:**

New this year, all of our students (K-12) will receive a Passport. The Passport allows our students to set goals, track their progress and celebrate victories. The goal of the Passport encourages our students to take responsibility for their learning and also helps reinforce what is learned in the classroom. We will allow time for your child to update his/her Passport every week on Monday and Tuesday. We encourage you to partner with us as we support and motivate all our students to do their best.

**Grading:**

A: 100% - 91% B: 90% - 81% C: 80% - 71% D: 70% - 61% F: 60% or below

Formal assessments include tests, quizzes, and projects.

Informal assessments include warm-up, exit-ticket, homework, and participation (being prepared and partaking in classroom activities).

 Grades will be updated in PowerSchool every Sunday night by 5:45.

**Tutoring schedule:**

Tutoring will be available every Thursday before school. Sessions will be held for 45 minutes (8:00am – 8:45am).

These sessions are for students who need assistance with homework, make-up work, and extra help. Students are to bring their own materials and must have something to work on.

**Please sign below indicating you have read and understand the expectations of this course. Please do not detach signature from page. Thank you.**

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