**6th Grade Social Studies Syllabus**

**World Studies**

**Murphey Middle School 2021-2022**



**Course Description:** The World Studies course for 6th Grade concentrates on Europe, Australia, Latin America, Canada and Your financial future for our teaching units for the year. The purpose of World Studies is to help students learn about the world we live in and understand how the nations of the world are both similar in some ways and different in others. We live in Georgia, but we are connected to other nations throughout the world by geography, religion, social and political development, technology and economics.

**Expectations:** The goal of our class and the mission of the teacher is to create in each student the desire to increase the knowledge and skills for everyone in the class. Reading is a skill we use daily in my class and we will work to increase the literacy of everyone, because it’s necessary for success in **all** classes. We will learn about the world and understand that whatever college or career the students choose, there are no limitations when you can read, write and set goals to attain.

**Course Goals and Standards:**

**All standards for World Studies can be found under Georgia Standards of Excellence on www.georigastandards.org**

Unit 0 – Think like a Historian: 5 Days

Unit 1 – Europe: 37 days

Unit 2 – Australia: 40 days

Unit 3 – Latin America: 35 days

Unit 4 – Canada: 25 days

Unit 5 – Your Financial Future: 15 days

**Major Projects and Instructional Activities:** Each unit will have a **Performance Task (Project)** to complete. The purpose is for each student to demonstrate knowledge of all learning goals and standards for each unit of study. **Instructional Activities** require the students to use color pencils/markers, glue sticks, highlighters, ruler and scissors. These items are on the supply list please make sure students have their own set. Due to Covid-19 protocols it is best they have their own to prevent sharing.

**Assessments:** All assignments, tests/projects, workbook, homework and notebooks will be used to provide report card grades for each student. It is the expectation for each student to complete assigned work daily in class and out of class. Students will have a Final Exam each grading period.

**Grading Policy:** Report card grades will be averaged based on the following weights:

Classwork – 15 %

Homework – 10% (Any assignment for homework which is not study and review)

Quiz – 15%

Assessments – 20%

Projects – 15%

Final Exam – 25% (Dates = September 27, December 13, February 28, and May 13, 2022

**Classroom Expectations:** All students are to follow the Richmond County Board of Education Rules on Conduct in class (attendance, dress code, cell phones, discipline etc.). There are specific classroom rules students are expected to follow. Violations of the rules will be addressed using the following methods based on the level of the violation: Warnings, calls to parents/guardians, parent conferences (in person, or on TEAMS) referrals to the office.

**Extra help:** Students will have intervention for extra help during the school day. It will provide an opportunity to assist your child while at school before they go home so additional tutoring time may not be needed. **Edgenuity** is also used to remediate any units the student has failed to master. A contract will be sent home for parents to sign along with the student to commit to completing the online lessons.

**Supplies and Materials needed:** Loose leaf paper, pencils and pens, color pencils/markers, 1-inch binder, 5 Subject dividers, hand held pencil sharpener, highlighter set, glue sticks (1 big or 2 regular size)

**Covid-19 Guidelines:** All students will wear masks on the bus and in class. Mask break will be during lunch where students can remove their mask, after they have sat down to eat. All students are asked to wear their masks for their own protection and for others. We will not have to quarantine as a class if everyone is wearing their mask, if someone is exposed or becomes ill from Covid-19. So, we will be doing everything to remain safe by wearing our masks, not touching our face, washing our hands, socially distance when possible and sanitizing our desk area before we leave to go to our next class.

**Time and Place to be reached by Parent:** Parents may contact by email at [Greendo@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us](mailto:Greendo@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us) I check my email daily. Parents, who want a face to face parent conference, may email me or call the school and leave a message for me to call you to set the conference date and time. I will also send home an invitation and instructions on how to connect with me in **Class dojo**, so I can send out announcements and parents can see what we are doing each week and also your child’s conduct.