**7th Grade Social Studies**

**Mr. Thomas Powell Course Syllabus 2018-2019**

**Course Description and Objectives**

In 7th grade Social Studies, students study geography, history, government, and economics of Africa and Asia. Students will also examine various social studies themes, including how people adapt to and change their environment, and historical cause and effect. The social studies skills that will be practiced include information processing, chronology, map skills, and interpretation of historical sources.

**Instructional Philosophy**

In order to assist students in reaching their full potential, I run a structured and organized classroom. Each day, a “bell ringer” will be on the board and students are expected to sit down and complete it quickly and quietly. Also, organization of materials is imperative to student success. I will be assisting them in creating a table of contents and maintaining an organized binder which will be checked on a regular basis to ensure that students have what they need to succeed.

**Course Assessment Plan**

Students will receive a variety of assignments designed to enhance their learning. Students will be assessed on classwork, homework, projects, and tests. If a student is absent, the student is responsible for the missed assignment. Students who have an excused absence will be allowed five days to turn in the missed assignment. When a student is out of class for any reason, a copy of the notes/activity is placed in the “out-box” with his or her name on it.

**Classroom Expectations**

1. Follow all school rules and policies. (Respectful, Responsible, Be a Leader)
2. Come to class prepared and ready to learn.
3. No perfume/cologne, make-up, lotion or grooming devices in the classroom.
4. Place bag on the back of chair or completely under the desk.
5. Work to the best of your ability, stay organized, and ask for help when it’s needed.

**Course Materials**

Social Studies - 1” 3-ring binder, loose-leaf paper, pens, and markers or colored pencils.

**Homework Policy**

Students will need to study their vocabulary and notes every night. In Social Studies, written homework will be assigned no more than two times per week. Please remind them to bring home their binder.

**Contact Information**

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**Mr. Powell**

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Parents please complete the information and return it to school with your student. Students, please place this form in the “in-box” for your class period. ☺

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Signing this acknowledges that I will strive for success by working hard, having high expectations for myself, and never giving up.

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