

7th Grade Social Studies **Miss Castro**

Dear Students and Families:

Welcome to 7th grade Social Studies! This is a yearlong global geography and culture course. Students will be studying the earth in all its variety. The earth's land, water, plants and animals, as well as people—where and how they live, how they change and are changed by their environment, and how different groups compare to one another—will all be explored during this course. Students will study the various regions of the world while applying the Five Themes of Geography.

Class Procedures and Expectations:

Evaluation: Your grades will be based on the accumulation of points for daily assignments, journals, projects, quizzes and tests. Percentages will be derived from total number of points earned out of total number of points possible. These percentages will follow FNSBSD guidelines:

90-100%- A 89-80%- B 70-79%- C 69-60%- D 59%- and below F

Homework: Generally, you can expect little homework if class time is used wisely. We work on assignments daily and often are working on projects. If absences or distractions in class have put you behind, homework will be necessary.

Journal: You will keep a journal for social studies in which daily warm-ups and notes will be kept. Journals are your responsibility, and will be graded monthly with a journal quiz.

Quizzes and Tests: Quizzes will be given periodically throughout the quarter, and tests will sometimes be given at the end of a unit. Maps for upcoming map tests will be located on the team website.

Late Work Policy

No late work is accepted more than two weeks past its due date. For each day an assignment is late, 10% will be deducted from your grade. Please turn your work in on time. I understand the busy schedules of young adolescents and their families. If extenuating circumstances apply, please bring a note written and signed by a parent or guardian.

→ **Absences:** You have as many days to make up missed work as the number of days you were absent. Prearranged absences should be handled through the front office. Grading rubrics and due dates will be provided to students when a project is introduced.

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Required Materials:

Spiral Notebook (a section of one will be just fine) just for Social Studies.

Social Studies folder

Loose-leaf paper

Pencil

You can put all of these things in one binder for social studies, or include them in a larger binder with other subjects. All of these items are required daily, the organization of it is up to you!

