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6th Grade Social Studies Information Sheet:

Welcome to 6th grade Social Studies at Durant Road Middle School. We hope that everyone is excited for the new school year. Below you will find out information about our classroom procedures and expectations. Our Social Studies curriculum for the year will focus on ancient civilizations.

Social Studies class website can be found at:

<https://www.wcpss.net/Page/35583>

The class website is a great resource for parents and students to find information about different assignments and what is occurring in our classroom. This year students will also be using Google Classroom to complete and find class assignments.

Each Track 4 teachers will teach one class of Social Studies. Our email address are:

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Materials needed for every class:

- Social Studies Binder with loose-leaf paper
- Spiral Notebook
- Pencils
- Agenda
- Highlighter
- Ear Buds

Expectations and Procedures:

Upon entering the classroom, students are to find their assigned seat. Students will then begin each class by completing the following:

- Copy down their homework and announcements into their agenda
- Begin to work on and complete their opener activity/Warm-up (students will always have an opener activity).
- After completing their opener, they will sit quietly and wait for further instruction or read.

Grading:

Grades are based on the following categories and percentages:

- Major Assessments: 65%
- Minor Assessments: 35%
- Formative Assessments: 0%

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Major Assessments vs. Minor Assessments:

Major assessments include tests, projects and some quizzes. Tests, projects and quizzes will be given throughout a unit of study. Students will be given a week notice for tests. Students will be given ample class time to complete a project in class. Wake County benchmark assessments will occur throughout the course of the year. Benchmarks will be formative assessments given throughout the year to help evaluate student learning. These scores will not be calculated into the major assessment percentage. Minor assessments are things like classroom, vocabulary, flipped notes and video quizzes. Minor assessments are a way to evaluate the progress of a students throughout the course of a unit.

Make-Up Work:

Make-up work refers to work missed due to an absence. It is the responsibility of the individual student to obtain missed assignments. Major assessments and quizzes will be made up during Smart Block or during lunch.

Homework:

Homework will not be graded. Homework is a process and should be used as a tool to reinforcement of the material used in class. However, students will be required to complete all homework assignments. Students will be held accountable for their work. For each assignment a student fails to complete they will be required to return at lunch or Smart Block to finish the task.

The Flipped Classroom:

This year, our classes will revolve around the “Flipped Classroom” model. This is an innovative and efficient method of instruction. “Flipping” the classroom means that students will view short videos pertaining to our curriculum. Students will watch these short lecture videos before they come to class. This will allow students to come prepared to class with basic curriculum knowledge of the material so that we can delve deeper into the content in class.

Please remember that we are working together to ensure success in Social Studies this year. If you have any questions about my expectations or class procedures please contact us through email or you may call the school at 919-870-4098.

Best,
Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Brooks, and Mrs. Haines

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