

6th Grade Social Studies Class

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to Mac Arthur Middle School! We hope that you'll have a wonderful year at Mac!

We use the textbook, "History Alive". We have a classroom set of textbooks for students to use during school. Outside of school, students need to have access them on the Internet following the directions below. Once passwords and logins have been established, every student will have access to the social studies textbook on-line for homework.

How to get our book on-line:

1. Mac Web page, parent's site/student's site and look for books on line and click or <http://learntci.com/student>
2. teacher's e-mail: jsmith@d23.org
3. student's user name: first name and first letter of last name (no caps)
for example, John Smith would be johns
4. student's password is: PHSD23

If you do not have access to the Internet at home, please let us know and we will make copies of the material as it is needed.

We will be studying Ancient History throughout the year. Our units of study are archaeology, early civilizations, Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece, Rome, and China.

Materials needed for our class:

Blue pocket folder

Glue Stick/scissors

Red and blue/black Pens

Markers/color pencils

Listed below are our classroom rules that we find important for all students to understand and follow to make this school year a success.

Grades will be weighted as follows:

Homework/Independent Work	30%
Tests/ Projects	40%
Class Work	20%
Work Completion	10%

1. Here is what a proper heading looks like. NOTE: "No-Name" papers will lose 10% of the grade.
 - a. NAME (first last)
 - b. Subject/Period
 - c. Date

Example:	John Smith
	SS 6-2
	8/27/10
2. Papers can be done in pencil but should be corrected with a colored pen.
3. All map work is to be completed with colored pencils and ultra-fine Sharpie.
4. Papers received within 5 days of the due date will lose 10% of the total grade. After five days, late papers will lose 50%. **Once units are completed, late work for that unit will not accepted.**
5. Students who are missing class for sectionals or for some other reason must ask for homework and turn in class work before leaving class. Failure to do so will result in a late paper.
6. Make-up work due to illness should be discussed once a student returns to school. Students will be given a due date for work and if the work is not completed by the set due date, work will be counted late and will follow the rule for late work.
7. Students should use the HOMEWORK ON-LINE to check assignments. The website address is www.d23.org.
8. Projects will be given throughout the year. You will be given a project overview sheet with requirements for each project when it is assigned.

If you need to contact us for any reason during the year, e-mail is the best way to reach us.

We hope that you and your child have a wonderful sixth grade year, and we look forward to meeting you at 6th Grade Back to School Night on September 17th.

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