



**Mrs. Dixon**

## 6<sup>TH</sup> Grade World Cultures

Hi everyone! I would like to welcome you to the Swamp! I am so excited to have you here in ROOM 501, and I cannot wait to get to know you better. Please have your parent or guardian take a look at our syllabus.

Happy first day of school!

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### SUPPLIES

- Social Studies Spiral
- Mechanical pencil or regular pencil w/pencil sharpener
- Color/Map Pencils
- AVID Binder (all classes)
- Scissors
- Glue
- Kleenex
- Hand sanitizer

### PROGRESSIVE TESTING

What happens if you are not successful on a test? Here is how you'll be able to improve it:

- Students will re-test non mastered objectives along with new material in the next comprehensive exam
- The grade made on this exam will substitute the initial grade if it's higher.
- The progressive testing cycle ends with the last test of each quarterly grading period,

### COMMUNICATION

**Easiest way to contact me is through email.**

In your email please include your name, your child's name, name, and their SS class period please. If you send an email after school or on the weekend, it may take me time to respond. However, I would really like my students to begin to self-advocate either in class, by coming into tutorials, and/or by Schoology Message/email. **This is an important life skill to begin to develop.**

### ABSENT WORK

- If you miss class, you have 1 day to make up the work you missed for every day while you were out.
- Anything assigned before an absence must be turned in the day you return.
- **Tutorials are a good opportunity to catch up on absent work.**

### HELPFUL LINKS

Online Gradebook (Skyward Family Access) – [www.fortbendisd.com/skyward](http://www.fortbendisd.com/skyward)

FBISD 1 Link

[www.fortbendisd.com/1link](http://www.fortbendisd.com/1link)

GMS Website

[www.fortbendisd.com/gms](http://www.fortbendisd.com/gms)

GMS Twitter – follow us @GarciaMS\_Gators

For AAC classes - [www.nhd.org/students](http://www.nhd.org/students)

## ELECTRONICS POLICY

"The Gator Way" is for all electronic devices including but not limited to **cellphones, air pods, headphones, smart watches and tablets** to stay in your backpack all day. If your phone is out, it will be confiscated and turned into the office.



## LATE WORK

### GMS School Policy:

- 1 day late = 10 points off
- 2 days late = 20 points off
- 3 days late = 30 points off

**Assignments turned in after three (3) days will receive a grade of no higher than a 60**



## WHAT IS SOCIAL STUDIES

**1<sup>st</sup> 9 Weeks** : Geography, Culture, Government, Economics, & Religion

**2<sup>nd</sup> 9 Weeks** : US and Canada & Latin America

**3<sup>rd</sup> 9 weeks** : Europe, Southwest Asia & North Africa

**4<sup>th</sup> 9 weeks** : Africa South of the Sahara, Asia, & Oceania

## EXPECTATIONS

- R – Respond in an appropriate manner to **EVERYONE**
- E – Excellence only.  
No sloppy work or excuses.
- S – Stay in your own personal space.
- P – Pay attention and **PARTICIPATE**
- E – **Encourage**, not discourage
- C – Come **PREPARED** to learn.
- T – Take responsibility for your actions and learning; **OWN** what you do

## TARDIES, ONE-WAY DOOR, 10/10 RULE

- There are 5 minutes between classes, and a student is tardy if he/she is not in the classroom when the tardy bell rings. **Tardies accumulate for all periods throughout the 9-week grading period.**
- The GMS **"One Way Door"** policy means that once students enter a classroom, they do not leave to socialize or congregate in the hallway until the bell rings.
- *Students will not be allowed to leave the classroom during the first 10 minutes after the tardy bell or during the last 10 minutes before the dismissal bell of each class.* Because of this, please plan to use the restroom between classes and **NOT AFTER** you get to class.