

St. Martin of Tours
7th & 8th Grade Social Studies and Science
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Areas of Study

<u>Social Studies</u>	<u>Science 7th</u>	<u>Science 8th</u>
American History 7th: 35,000 B.C. - 1850 8th: 1850- 1950	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Structure of Earth2. Earth History3. Earth's Air & Water4. Stars5. Characteristics and Naming of Living things6. Cells & Reproduction7. Changes in Living Things8. Ecosystems9. Investigating Matter10. Energy11. Force & Motion	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Earth's Changing Surface2. Climate3. Exploring the Universe4. Where Organisms Live5. Reproduction6. Matter7. Energy8. Energy Resources9. Forces & Motion

Classroom Preparation:

You need to be fully prepared for class every day. You must have your materials that you will need. Make sure to take the time in homeroom to think about what you need for your class switches. You will not be permitted to return to your homeroom to collect forgotten materials.

For Science and Social Studies you will need to bring your folders, composition notebooks, workbooks, behavior log, homework copy book, and a writing utensil.

Absent Policy:

If you are absent please check my website to see if there is anything you can complete while not at school. When you return back to school please check the absent folders on the wall for any missed material. It is your responsibility to get notes from a reliable classmate. If you are not sure of something, please check in with me to make sure you have everything that you need.

Assignments/ Grades:

Classroom preparation and participation, homework, assignments, written assignments, and performance assessments hold value. Prior to each assignment, I will inform you of the value and the grading criteria. Your grades will be based on points.

Grading- For grading information please check MSP. This is the easiest way for me to communicate grades. It is very important that you are checking this regularly. If you need your login please contact Mr. Jackson. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Homework- Homework will be given on occasion for science and social studies. Please be sure to check my website if you are unsure of an assignment. Late homework will not be accepted unless you were absent.

Projects/Class Assignments- Throughout the year many projects will be given. It is important that **DUE DATES** are followed. A grade of 0 may be issued for late projects. We are trying to encourage time management and responsibility. We encourage you work with your family on projects but remember this is YOUR project. In trying to develop 21st Century skills, we recommend that work be typed. Work can be saved on a flash drive and printed out in school.

Revisions:

If you are unhappy with a grade you have received please see me and we can discuss a revision. All revisions must be completed before the next chapter has begun.

Extra Credit:

I will be offering extra credit throughout the year. Extra credit is a privilege in my classroom and students will be notified when it is available. **Extra credit is only available to those who have completed all previous assignments.**

Academic Honesty:

Students are expected to complete their own assignments. Plagiarism is not tolerated. If it occurs the student can be given a zero on the assignment based on the severity of the plagiarism. If it happens a second time student will be referred to the office for additional discipline.

General Procedure & Expectations:

Arrival to class- You must be in class on time. I understand some of you will be switching from building to building. If you are held late for any reason please come with a note from the teacher who kept you late.

Bathroom policy- We will use Potty Passes this year. Only one boy and one girl are permitted to use the restroom at a time. Students will also be required to sign out before they leave the room.

Cell phones- There is a no tolerance policy for cellphones. Your homeroom teacher will collect them every morning and they will be sent to the office. You will get them back at the end of the day. If cellphones were not sent to the office and are seen in class there will be a consequence.

Behavior and Cooperation:

We will always follow the rules and procedures outlined by the student handbook. In addition we will have our own set of classroom rules to follow. These rules are there to have a safe and successful school year!

** All important forms, documents, reminders, and homework can be found on my classroom website. I look forward to a terrific school year!**

Syllabus Signature Sheet

I _____ have reviewed the syllabus with my child and I am aware of the expectations and procedures for this class.

Please sign, date and return this sheet to your child's homeroom teacher.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____