



Social Science: Mrs. H.B-Chipley

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Welcome Back! I am a 7th/8th grade teacher at Prairie Hills Junior High. The students will switch classes to prepare them for transition to High School and beyond. I specialize in the area of social science. Please allow me to THANK YOU in advance for your help and encouragement with the students this school year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, Mrs. H.B.-Chipley, at Prairie Hills Junior High. My room number is B209. The phone number is (708) 210- 2860, extension 2485.

The students are in for an exciting and challenging school year. This year the students will cover in social science:
7th and 8th**

United States History (7 th to the Civil War/ 8 th Civil War to current)	IAR preparation
United States & World Geography	Gardner's Multiple Intelligences
Reading Skills and Strategies	Citizenship/ SEL
U.S. Constitution (7 th) Illinois Constitution (8 th)	United States Government
Various historical websites	Google Classroom/Google Meets

** Historical research, test taking strategies, and writing techniques.

The curriculum is aligned to state goals and Common Core standards. They are listed daily in the classroom. In order to provide our students with a variety of resources, the following textbooks will be utilized this year.

“American History”, Pearson, Education (Student- 7th/8th grade)
“Building Geography Skills for Life”, Glencoe (in class)
“We the People”, Center for Civic Education (in class)
“The NYSTROM ATLAS” (in class)

The students will have access to my personal library of primary and secondary sources as well as educational web sites. Please encourage the students to take care of their books, as book damage fees will be assessed at the end of the school year. I ask that all students protect their books with the use of book covers.

CLASSROOM PROCEDURES

The students will be active participants in their education. In the classroom they will become historians and unlock the past using research techniques. The seventh graders will explore early American history. They will discover the impact of religion on the colonies, trace the road to freedom from England, pass the U.S. constitution test and answer the question of, why a civil war? Eighth graders tackle the Illinois constitution, look at the problems of Reconstruction and way the world goes to war- twice! Both, examine the roles of women in various cultures and participate in various projects and simulations. The students will need help and support from home, so be prepared for questions, interviews and polls. I will require more polls as the student's search for democracy. They are encouraged to appreciate the cultural diversity that is America.

The students will receive homework 3-4 nights a week. (Practice makes perfect).

The grading scale for 2022- 2023 school year:

100 - 92 A

91 - 83 B

82 - 74 C

73 - 64 D

63 and below earns an F

The break down for the final grades:

30% Test Assessment scores

30% Class work, Journals and Participation

15% Projects, Labs, Published Writings

15% Quizzes

10% Homework

I encourage you to spend time discussing the rules, regulations and policies of the Prairie Hills School District 144 Student Discipline Handbook. In addition, these are the classroom rules developed by the students and myself:

1. We will listen and follow directions the first time given.
2. We will keep our hands, feet, and objects to ourselves; as well as inappropriate comments, sounds and avoid putting any inappropriate objects in our mouths at any time other than lunch.
3. We will have good conduct, cooperate, respect each other's personal space and be responsible for our own actions.
4. We will stay focused, be honest, active learners - to the best of our abilities.
5. We will listen to every student's opinion, respect others and ourselves (agree to disagree) treating others the way we want to be treated.
6. We will stay in our seats, raise our hands and then wait (silently) to be called upon.
7. We will keep our personal hygiene together at all times.

Consequences:

1. Verbal warning
2. Name written on board
3. Parental phone call
4. After-school detention/Saturday
5. Parent Conference
6. Suspension

Rewards:

1. "Caught Being Good Coupons"
2. Kudos Call- telephone calls of praise to phone parents
3. Individual treats (random)
4. Verbal Praise

Please remember the students and I appreciate any expertise from you. I look forward to seeing you at parent teacher conferences.