

Dear Eighth Grade Parents,

. We will start our study of 8th grade American History with the exploration and colonization of the "new world" and will conclude our studies this year with the post war South.

I expect the 8th grade Social Studies student to keep an up to date notebook which includes: class notes, definitions of key concepts and terms, identification of key historical figures and assigned review questions.

Homework generally consists of reviewing class notes (**15 minutes each evening**), reading, review questions, worksheets and an occasional long-term project. . Homework is graded and is calculated into the quarter grade.

Tests and quizzes are given throughout the quarter and are announced prior to the testing day. Section Quizzes are given to help reinforce the chapter objectives. I seldom administer unannounced quizzes, but may, if I deem that the situation warrants it. Tests and quizzes are graded and incorporated into the student's quarterly grade. A **comprehensive final** is given at the end of the year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me through the school office. I will get back to you as soon as I am able.

Miss Welty