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Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

I welcome you and your child to the eighth grade at Feagin Mill Middle School. I anticipate a busy, productive and fulfilling year. My primary objective is to work to ensure the success of all my students at Feagin Mill so that they may excel in the present and future. I look forward to working with you to ensure your child's success in all areas.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The curriculum for eighth grade is based on Georgia Studies which is comprised of the history and government of Georgia; to include current events around the country and world. The study, use, and interpretation of maps, globes, and graphs will be incorporated throughout content of the course.

Curriculum:

The curriculum is aligned with the Georgia Performance Standards. A list of these standards can be explored at The Georgia Department of Education website: <http://www.gadoe.org/>.

Textbook/Workbook:

Textbook - Georgia Studies for Georgia Students by Clairmont Press – ISBN: 978-1-56733-281-0

Workbook – Student Workbook Georgia Studies for Georgia Students by Clairmont Press - ISBN: 978-1-56733-286-5

Supply List:

- 2” Binder
- Mechanical Pencils
- Pack of Colored Pencil (not to be shared)
- Scotch Tape
- 3 Spiral Notebooks (not composition notebooks)

Assessments & Grading:

Final Exams 15%

Major Grades 40%

- A major grade may be given for a major test, project, paper, or performance task.
- If a student is absent on the day of a test, the student will be expected to take the test during the next available opportunity. If it is an extended absence, allowances will be made.

Minor Grades 30%

- Quizzes, small projects, labs, etc.
- If a student is absent on the day of a quiz, the student will be expected to take the quiz on the following day. If it is an extended absence, allowances will be made.

Daily Grades 15%

- Classwork, homework, etc.
- Absent students will be given five school days to make up missed homework assignments. If it is an extended absence, allowances will be made.

DISCIPLINE PLAN

As a team it is our intention that parents/guardians be informed of their child's behavior and its consequences so that school and home can work together to ensure a safe and respectful educational environment. Students will be warned and given an opportunity to correct their behavior before consequences are enforced. If the behavior is not corrected, parents will be notified in hopes that by working together we will eliminate any further problems.

Infinite Campus

Parents, if you have not had the opportunity to sign up to view infinite campus we strongly encourage you to do so. Signing up to view infinite campus will allow you to view your child's grade in not only Social Studies, but in all of their classes. If you have not signed up for infinite campus, and would like to sign up for infinite campus please contact the front office and they will guide you through the steps needed to complete the process.

Google Classroom

This school year we will utilize Google Classroom in Social Studies to post lessons, activities, and as a hub to turn in their work to help minimize the chances of spreading germs, etc. I hope your child is still somewhat familiar with the use of Google Classroom with its use at the end of the 2019/2020 school year. If not we will spend time familiarizing the students on how to access and use their Google Classroom accounts.

Note to the Parents

We are truly looking forward to working with you this school year. Please feel free to contact us at any time with questions, concerns, or just to keep up with your child's progress throughout the 8th grade.

Note to the Students

We are looking forward to working with you this year! Hopefully you are excited about it too! We have created lessons to not only cover the Georgia Performance Standards, but also to make learning a fun and enjoyable experience for you. Please come to class each day with a positive attitude and be ready to learn. Working together, we can make your 8th grade year the best ever at Feagin Mill!

FINAL COMMENTS

- If at any time during the year you have a question concerning your child's grade, please feel free to contact your child's teacher.
- Please read and discuss the syllabus with your child. Then sign and return the team syllabi form to your child's first period teacher.
- Let's make this a great school year! GO WOLVES!!!

