Welcome To Mrs. Dahler’s Social Studies Class!

Course Content: This year students will journey back in time to investigate cultures throughout the Classical and Medieval world. During the expedition, the students will make fascinating discoveries about Ancient Greece, Ancient Rome, World Religions, Medieval Europe, and the Renaissance. Together as a class, they will explore the key people, events, and the elements of culture to help us uncover how each civilization helped shape our modern world.

Sample Teaching Strategies For Instruction
- Cooperative learning activities
- Various forms of writing: DBQ’s, note taking, & short answer
- Oral presentations
- Lecture
- Teacher demonstrations and modeling
- Interactive & hands-on activities

Sample Evaluations & Assessments
- Evaluation of cooperative learning activities
- DBQ’s (Document Based Questions), tests, and quizzes
- Evaluation of oral presentations
- Evaluation of hands-on activities
- Peer critique and analysis
- Homework assignments

Resources To Be Used For Instruction
- Curriculum Guide
- Textbook: History Of Our World & History Alive!
  - Students received a copy of the textbook, History Of Our World.
  - Textbooks are to be left at home and returned in June.
- Primary Sources
- Google Drive: Sharing class assignments with teacher and classmates.
- Class website: Technology tools, supplemental materials, and helpful websites/apps.
- Internet
- Video & Audio

Helpful Resources For Parents & Students
- Genesis: Grades in Genesis are updated regularly and notes from the teacher are always provided for missing and absent work. Please view Genesis and the teacher notes regarding student grades, assignment due dates, class information, and uploading extra copies of activities.
- Remind101: Text @dahler1516 to 81010 to sign up and receive assignment reminders and class updates via text messages!
- Class Website: General class information, technology tools, supplemental materials, social studies resources, and educational apps can be accessed on the class website.

Parents: Please visit the class website to complete a survey for 7G social studies. The survey is optional, but it is a great opportunity to share the goals you would like your child to achieve this year in social studies class.

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Hello! My name is Jennelle Dahler and I am your child’s 7th grade social studies teacher. It is very hard to believe this summer is almost over, but here we are, about to embark on another exciting yet productive academic year!

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself, in order, for you to get to know the individual who will be teaching your child for the next 10 months. I am a Hunterdon County native (born and raised in Flemington, NJ) who enjoys a nice hike, a good laugh, traveling around the world one summer at a time, and living life to the absolute fullest. In 2009, I graduated from Penn State University with a Bachelor’s Degree in Social Studies Secondary Education and a minor in history. Throughout the past 5 years I have had the opportunity to teach seventh through ninth grade history, and with each new school year I look forward to continuing my journey as an educator!

This year in social studies, we will be traveling back in time to different countries around the globe in an attempt to discover how past cultures, key people, and decisive events have impacted our present day world. The main topics that will be explored include Ancient Greece, Ancient Rome, World Religions, Medieval Europe, and the Renaissance. Imagine groundbreaking architecture, a monstrous plague, fearless explorers, famous artists, and innovative inventors... the adventures are endless! My students should be ready to work hard and eager to learn while still being enthusiastic for all the fun activities and projects I have planned for them to enjoy!

While your child investigates many topics about the Classical and Medieval world, he or she will also be encouraged to work together with his or her classmates in order to help create a strong sense of community within the classroom. In addition, this year is going to be an important time of growth, independence, and responsibility as they begin their preparation for eighth grade and even the high school. As a parent, you are the most important person in your child’s life, and we need to work together for your child’s benefit. With school and home working together, I know your child can have a very successful year in social studies!

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me via email (JDahler@readington.k12.nj.us) or phone (ext. 3407). Thank you! 😊

Best Regards,

Jennelle R. Dahler