

Social Studies Grade 5

Ms. Kerry Colberg

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"If you want to understand today, you have to search yesterday."

Pearl S. Buck, American novelist

Welcome back to a new school year at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Academy. I am looking forward to working with you and your children this year as we explore history, geography, government, and economics.

Fifth grade will be learning about Early American history. We will be covering such topics as The First Americans, the Colonies and the American Revolution, the Government and Westward Expansion, and the Civil War and Reconstruction. The book we will be using is My World: Building Our Country. All students have received their books and I ask that they be covered in clear contact. This book as well as their notebook, folder, planner, and any assigned work is expected to be brought to class. Being prepared and focused for class is essential for success.

Homework Policy

- Homework will be given approximately 2-3 times per week.
- Late homework will be accepted with a deduction of 5 points for each day late for up to a week. After that it is a zero. Your child is responsible for handing it to me.
- Homework will be written down in the planner and posted on both the Class Page and on Google Classroom.

Tests

- Students will be given about a week's notice before a test.
- Tests will be based on notes and vocabulary.
- Quizzes will be given.

- Projects will also be assigned and done in class. The projects will be worked on in groups or independently depending on the assignment.

Grading Breakdown

- Tests: 40%
- Quizzes: 20%
- Projects: 20%
- Homework: 10%
- Classwork/Participation: 10%

I can be reached at kcolberg@stfranciisschoolbh.net and will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you,
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