

MS. KEPKA

6TH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES

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Meet Your Teacher

With the start of our school year, I want to thank you for your time & patience in helping your student this year!



I fully believe in a whole-child approach to teaching, so know that I will be dedicating time and activities at the start of the year to better get to know students as individuals!

A new year and new things happening for all of us will surely make for some adventures!

CONTACT INFORMATION

EMAIL: ekepka@sd308.org

PHONE: 630.636.2544

WEBSITE: <https://www.sd308.org/domain/2190>

A FEW OF MY FAVORITES

COLOR: all of them!

SEASON: summer

JUNIOR HIGH MEMORY: making new friends!

SPORT: USA Olympics & University of Kentucky basketball

FOOD: my mama's cooking!

DRINK: coffee in the morning

RESTAURANT: SanguCHE - give them a try!

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School Information

SCHOOL NAME: Bednarcik Jr. High

SCHOOL ADDRESS: 3025 S. Eola Rd
Aurora, IL 60503

SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER: 630.636.2500 (for the office!)

PRINCIPAL: Mr. Francis

VICE PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Pryor

COUNSELORS: Mrs. Konken & Mr. Haynes

SCHOOL WEBSITE: <https://www.sd308.org/bednarcik>

SCHOOL HOURS: 8am-4pm

Please know that students must be called into the Attendance Line if they are not attending school. (Monday-Friday)

**The Attendance Line phone number is
630.636.2501.**

Please leave a message on the Attendance Line notating the reason for absence. Include all symptoms or the reason, if it is not illness related. Students need to be called in if missing a partial day. Please notate the class/classes that will be missed and the reason.

Thank you!

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Rules & Expectations

During our first week, your student will hear me explain that I have 3 rules in my class:

- Show up on time.
- Be prepared.
- Be respectful.

(We will discuss what this looks like for us and that these are rules every job we ever have will want us to follow!)

However, please know that I also explained that I understand that this year may bring a lot of anxiety so my current expectations for them also include:

- ◆Don't panic!
- ◆Be patient! (With yourself and me!)
 - ◆Take one day at a time.
- ◆Remember you are a BULLDOG now and that is an awesome thing!
 - ◆We will help each other!



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Schedule & Supplies

Student Support 8:10-8:29

1st Period 8:29-9:10

2nd Period 9:14-9:55

3rd Period 9:59-10:40

4th Period 10:44-11:25

5th Period 11:29-12:10

6th Period 12:14-12:55

7th Period 12:59-1:40

8th Period 1:44-2:25

9th Period 2:29-3:10

Things to note:

- My plan period is 9th.
- My lunch period is 5th.
- **Email is the quickest way for me to get a message from you!**

SUPPLIES YOUR CHILD WILL NEED THIS YEAR

All supplies were on the [school list](#) that was posted online.

<i>Needed every day:</i>	<i>Needed on occasion:</i>
Chromebook Loose leaf paper in a binder Green binder Red and black pens #2 lead pencils	Color pencils White out pen Highlighter Index cards Glue stick

When we return, donations of Kleenex, hand sanitizer or extra school supplies are always welcome!!

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What We'll Learn

6th grade Social Studies provides students an opportunity to explore modern day physical and human geography, civics, and economics while using historical case studies. Students will begin to develop the habits of mind to critically analyze these themes through the eyes of a social scientist.

Social Studies 6 - Units of Study

- Unit 1 - Geographic Markers
- Unit 2 - Introduction to Historical Sources & Inquiry Skills
- Unit 3 - Human & Environment Interaction
- Unit 4 - World Government Systems
- Unit 5 - Economic Thinking
- Unit 6 - Human Population
- Unit 7 - Human Cultures & Global Connections

Things to keep in mind:

- A new curriculum plan for 6th grade was started the year before last. The Illinois Learning Standards for Social Studies were adopted in the spring of 2017. That change, along with subsequent legislative mandates, necessitated that we reconstruct our curriculum. All courses will include: civics, geography, economics, history and inquiry skills
- 2022-2023 - 6th grade Social Studies (human and physical Geography focus)
- 2023-2024 - 7th grade Social Studies (early American History & Civics focus)
- 2024-2025 -8th grade Social Studies (modern American History focus)

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Homework & Grading Policies

HOMework POLICY

Things to consider:

- at the time of writing this, we have not fully discussed what homework will look like this year
- typically, I will assign limited amounts of work or studying that may extend beyond our 'class period' amount of time
- grades will be entered ASAP into our Tyler system
- a ZERO in the grade book means the assignment was not turned in when it was due
- a BLANK spot in the grade book means that I have not entered the grade yet
- late work will be entered AFTER all current work is caught up to date

GRADING POLICY

Things to consider:

- typically I use a total point scale vs a weighted scale
- grading is not fully complete until the end of the semester; please email if you have a question or concern through the year
- if you have issues with the Tyler system, please call our front office: 630.636.2500

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Other Information

Top Ten Tips for Parents!

***Be excited;** Your child has the opportunity to take a class that we, as children, probably never had!

***Be encouraged;** I do not expect you to have all the answers!
I encourage you to remind your student to check directions on Google Class!

***Be informed;** our school newsletters are full of helpful info!

***Be patient;** For every one paper I receive from your child, I get about 150 others. I'm not use to collecting electronically so I really appreciate your patience as we navigate this year!

***Be involved;** ASK your child to tell you what he/she is learning. Don't just ask, "do you have homework?" ;)

***Be interested and learn together;** Read together, discuss age-appropriate news stories, and help your child learn to sort fact from fiction using higher level thinking skills. This skill will be helpful in all classes!

***Be understanding;** If your child is asking to use the computer for a "game," it may be a geography tool from my website!

***Be on time, Be prepared and Be respectful...**Help your child follow my class rules by making sure they get enough sleep, have a good breakfast for a solid start to the day, set up a time and place for homework to be done in your home.

***Be aware...**6th grade is typically a year of change. Your child may change how they talk to you about school, or how they behave. If you are concerned that these changes are affecting social studies class, feel free to email me.

***Be attentive;** Don't expect perfection, but expect to see your child developing into a well-rounded, responsible young adult who is excited about school and learning!

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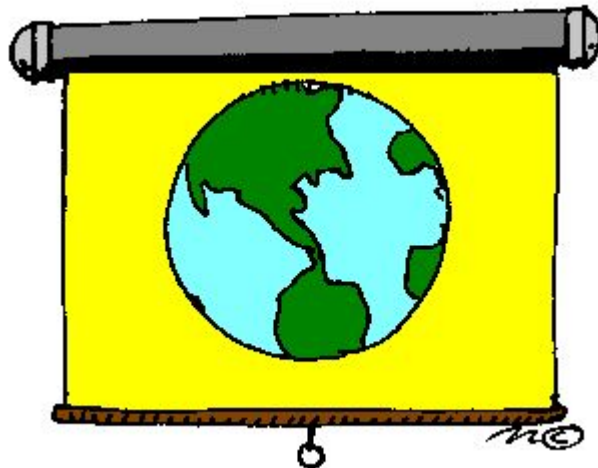
Parent Forms

If you would like to, you may click the tabs below to fill out the following forms to help me better serve your child in my class this year. Thank you!

STUDENT INFORMATION

PARENT QUESTIONS

Thank you so much for taking the time to get to know about your student's social studies experience this year!



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