

John Jay Middle School

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“Learn. Care. Lead.”

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2019-20 Open House

JJMS Goal: Take the time to get to know our students well and use that knowledge to increase student engagement in our classrooms.

Classroom Mission: On Team Intrepid, we look forward to engaging with the world around us. This includes how we interact with peers, teachers, and the subjects we’re learning. We anticipate the celebration of success, the discovery of new ideas, the collaboration with one another, and trust that our challenges will be met with support and empathy. We expect to take risks, meet new people, and grow as individuals, both socially and academically.

Subject: Grade 6 Social Studies

Teacher’s Name: Mary Dillon

Curriculum: During each unit of study, students will analyze a variety of primary and secondary source materials and determine how authors organize and present information. They will determine the central ideas of these materials, i.e., maps, charts, photographs, artifacts, text, etc. and make well-supported claims about what they have learned, using specific evidence to support their analyses. Students will also be engaged in inquiry-based learning experiences related to the areas of study throughout the year. Development of content-writing skills will, of course, be paramount to the work we are doing throughout the year.

Topics

- Geography and Map Skills
- Prehistory
- Ancient Civilizations: Mesopotamia, Egypt, India, China, Greece, Rome
- Medieval Europe
- Current Events
- Research Skills: Library skills, Note-taking, Research related to the cultures of the areas of study

Grading and Homework: Students will be graded on a wide variety of formal and informal assessments in addition to homework and classwork.

70% of the trimester grade will be based on major assessments and assignments (unit tests, research projects, essays). All major assignments have equal value.

30% of the trimester grade will be based on minor assessments and assignments (section quizzes, classwork, formative assessments). All minor assignments have equal value.

Each trimester will account for one-third of the final average when determining the end-of -year grade.

Resources: Geography Tools and Concepts. Prentice Hall, 2001

The Ancient World. Prentice Hall, 1998.

Medieval Times to Today. Prentice Hall, 1998.

Extra Help: Wednesdays

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