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“Learn. Care. Lead.”

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## Open House 2019-20

<b>JJMS Goal:</b>	Take the time to get to know our students well and use that knowledge to increase student engagement in our classrooms.
<b>Subject:</b>	Social Studies 7 – Claire Balassi (Team Supreme)
<b>Classroom Mission:</b>	To foster a community of learners who feel comfortable asking questions and taking risks.
<b>Curriculum:</b>	<p><b>Early American History and Government Topics –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Native America</li> <li>• Exploration and Colonization of America</li> <li>• The Revolutionary War</li> <li>• U.S. Constitution</li> <li>• The Industrial Revolution</li> <li>• Age of Reformers</li> <li>• Sectionalism and Compromise</li> <li>• The U.S. Civil War</li> </ul> <p><b>Geography –</b> recognition of relevant places, as well as geographic skills will be developed throughout the scope of the course.</p> <p><b>Skills for Emerging Historians –</b> research, analysis, and demonstration of knowledge and understanding of history will be developed throughout the scope of the course.</p> <p><b>Current Events –</b> current news events and contemporary issues will be discussed throughout the scope of the course.</p>
<b>Grading and Homework:</b>	<p>The trimester average is calculated as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>60% Major assessments</b> (including tests and long-term projects)</li> <li>• <b>30% Minor assessments</b> (including quizzes, classwork, and short-term projects)</li> <li>• <b>10% Homework</b></li> </ul>
<b>Resources:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Davidson, The American Nation: Beginnings Through 1877</li> <li>• Classroom handouts or packets</li> </ul>
<b>Extra Help</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuesdays (2:50-3:35)</li> </ul>
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