**What To Expect**

**Applied Topics Western Civilization**: We will dig into the vast history of civilizations from the very beginning of known history to current day. We strive to understanding the cause-and-effect relationship between historical events from various points of view through hands-on learning. A year of Western Civ is required for graduation.

**Applied Topics in US History:** Like Western Civ, this class explores the span of time from the beginning to current times of American History through hands-on learning. This class is also a graduation requirement.

**Applied Topics in Geography:** Learners will explore their community, city, state, and country as they learn more about who they are as part of people groups. This one-semester class is required for graduation.

**Applied Topics in Health:** This class explores the intricacies of physical, mental, and social health through actual doing. We cook, we exercise, we learn coping skills. Health is a required one-semester class.

**Applied Topics in Math:** We offer four years of functional math where students can learn math-related skills needed in adult life. Examples include shopping skills, budgeting, and banking skills. Three years of math are required.

**Applied Topics in Econ:** This one-semester, required course teaches learners about personal economics.

**Applied Topics in Government:** This one-semester required course takes learners through the development of the US government, the understanding of the roles of government, and the people who fill those roles.

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I started teaching at West Fargo High School in 2018 in the Special Education department. Before becoming a teacher, I was a special education paraprofessional for 11 years. I am married with 4 grown children and a goldendoodle. I spend my free time with friends and family at the lake and because I am a new grandma, I also have taken up the grandma art of quilting.

Classroom Expectations:

* Come to class
* Be a respectful classmate, kind to those around you
* Give your best effort
* Listen to those around you

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