

November



7th & 8th Grade Social Studies

What We Are Learning

7th Grade: Students are learning about the first battles of the Texas Revolution. We will start with the arrest of Stephen F. Austin while he was in Mexico City and then continue with the Battle of Gonzales over the Come And Take It cannon. From there we will move through the entire war for Texas Independence ending with the Battle of San Jacinto.

8th Grade: In this unit, 8th grade students will examine the Early Republic, focusing on the presidencies of George Washington through James Monroe. Students will explore and analyze the domestic and foreign policies of each president to understand how early leaders shaped and strengthened the new nation.

Key topics include Alexander Hamilton's Financial Plan and efforts to stabilize the young republic, the Federal Judiciary Act of 1789, the French Revolution, Washington's Farewell Address, the XYZ Affair, the Alien and Sedition Acts, Marbury v. Madison, the Louisiana Purchase, the Lewis and Clark Expedition, the War of 1812, the Missouri Compromise, and the Monroe Doctrine.

By the end of this unit, students will be able to explain how early presidential decisions and landmark events helped define the powers of the federal government and the role of the United States in world affairs.

Talk About Learning

7th Grade: Students will be taking notes during their classes and need to look over these notes each day. We will have quizzes over the material each week to reinforce their understanding of the material. Students will be provided with a review sheet prior to their test. You can help at home by encouraging your child to make flash cards of their review...practice these in the car, before bed, etc.

8th Grade: Students will also develop an understanding of essential vocabulary such as precedent, assumption, neutrality, embargo, impressment, judicial review, foreign policy, domestic policy, political parties, sectionalism, and nationalism.

Important Reminders

Please make sure your student has a folder to keep their papers in as well as either a pen or pencil everyday in class. No backpacks are allowed in class.

Mr. Alford is available for tutoring Wednesday's and Thursday's at 7:30 am

Check grades regularly in Skyward.

Upcoming Events

- 11/6 - 8th Grade Unit Test
- 11/20 - 7th Grade Unit Test

dates are tentative

What We Need

Clorox wipes, hand sanitizer, and bulk candy (for review games)

