

## SOCIAL STUDIES

Dear Parents,

I am looking forward to this new school year. I appreciate the opportunity you are giving me to work with your child. We will be covering a lot of material in a short amount of time. We will be studying *The Story of the World Volume 2: The Middle Ages* by Susan Wise Baur. The material covers information from the fall of Rome to the Renaissance. The stories of Japan, Korea, China, Africa, India, and Arabia are told along with the stories of Native peoples who lived in the Americas and Australia and in New Zealand. This text provides the student with a chronological overview of the progression of history. The goal is to give your child an enthusiasm for history, a basic understanding of major cultures, and an idea of the chronological order of historical events.

Here are some ways that you may help make this a successful school year:

- ◆ Encourage your child
- ◆ Be positive
- ◆ See that their homework assignments are completed
- ◆ Let them teach you something about history
- ◆ Check emails, communication is everything

I look forward to teaching your child, and I hope this year will be fun, yet challenging.

Sincerely,

Miss Connie

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**Curriculum:** *The Story of the World Volume 2: The Middle Ages* by Susan Wise Baur  
*The Story of the World Child Activity Book 2*

**Overview of Course:** This text provides the student with a chronological overview of the progression of history. The goal is to give the child an enthusiasm for history, a basic understanding of major cultures, and an idea of the chronological order of historical events. This material covers information from the fall of Rome to the rise of the Renaissance. The stories of Japan, Korea, China, Africa, India, and Arabia are told along with the stories of Native peoples who lived in the Americas and Australia and in New Zealand.

**Grading:** Quizzes & Tests = 25%  
Homework & Vocabulary = 25%  
Notebooks = 25%  
Projects = 25%

A=90-100%  
B=80-89%  
C=70-79%  
D=60-69%  
F=0-59%

**Quizzes and Tests:** Quizzes will be given each week. Tests will be given at the end of each month.

**Homework:** Assignments will be given each week. Each student is graded on participation and correctness.

**Notebooks:** The student will be required to keep a notebook. It will include all work completed in class and assignments done at home. The notebook grade is compiled on neatness, order, and completeness.

**Projects:** Some projects will be done in class, and each student will be graded on participation and attitude. Other projects will be finished at home. Instructions will be given to explain the project. Ample time will be given to complete the project.

**Absent and Unclear Assignments:** Each homework assignment will be listed on the CCA website, [www.mycca.org](http://www.mycca.org), the Monday the assignment is given.

## Goals:

- ✓ To make history come alive
- ✓ Strengthen reading skills and test student's comprehension
- ✓ To encourage answers in complete sentences
- ✓ Learn to listen and follow directions
- ✓ Develop writing and organizational skills
- ✓ Improve research exercises
- ✓ Build oral presentational skills and vocabulary
- ✓ Bring out creativity
- ✓ Select and remember historical facts
- ✓ Learn to summarize