

Social Studies

Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s),

September 6, 2018

My name is Mr. Marcario and I will be your son/daughter's Social Studies teacher this year. This packet includes important information for you to know about our class and what is expected from your child. With the information provided here, I hope to form a partnership with you and to foster your child's success.

I believe that teaching includes encouraging growth of academic skills, social skills, and self-confidence. Our world is a challenging place, especially for our youth. I consider it a personal goal to keep the students aware of what is going on in the world around them, while linking those events to our established subject matter. I also hope to empower your child by providing him or her with a comfortable atmosphere in which to learn and express their individuality. I believe that the point of view that your child brings to my class is unique and invaluable. Throughout the year, through writing and discussion, your child will have many opportunities to express his/her opinions and I value each one.

In order to make the classroom conducive to personal expression, I have a strict and consistent behavior policy. The better behaved and organized the class is the more relaxed the class can be. I treat all my students with respect and expect that respect to be returned to myself and the other students in the classroom. By allowing all students to feel safe and supported, we can work to our highest potential. Please review the included discipline policy with your child to ensure their understanding.

I hope to keep close contact with all parents. If you need to reach me you can email me at amarcario@roselleschools.org. I will return your email as soon as possible. I do have a school website and google classroom page that is updated daily. It has on it projects, homework, and the notes the students take in class. The website will be an easy way to keep track of classroom progress and all assignments the students have. There should never be a day the students have no homework. There are always long term assignments and it will help you stay aware of when they are due. Please visit often!

I am looking forward to a wonderful year and hope for the highest possible success for your child. As always, please feel free to contact me at anytime with questions, comments, or concerns. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Mr. Marcario

Classroom Discipline Plan

Self-discipline is important to not only apply to classroom success but also to lifelong success. My behavior policy is designed to provide the students with clear consequences so they can manage their own behavior. Your child deserves the most positive educational climate possible for academic growth. This plan is to ensure that nothing interferes with the climate.

Classroom Guidelines:

- 1. Be respectful at all times.**
- 2. Listen when other people talk.**
- 3. Raise your hand and wait to be called on.**
- 4. Pay attention.**
- 5. Follow directions the first time.**
- 6. Keep all hands, feet, and objects to yourself.**

Computer Guidelines:

- 1. No going on unauthorized websites. (Doing so will result in a loss of laptop privileges for the period, week, etc...)**
- 2. You must log off when told to do so. (When my phone alarm rings, time to do the closure activity and put laptops away so no one is late.)**
- 3. All laptops are to be handled with care and kept in great condition.**
- 4. All students will have assignments listed on Google Classroom. Once you join my class do nows, objectives, homework, projects, and classwork will all be listed on it. Things will not be printed out normally. If you do not have internet access at home to finish hw or assignments then you must come before or after school, or during lunch.**

To encourage students to follow the classroom rules, I will reinforce appropriate behavior with praise and positive feedback.

If a student chooses to break a rule I will take the following corrective actions:

- **1st time - Warning/ - Classdojo points**
- **2nd time - 15 minute lunch detention**
- **3rd time - 30 minute lunch detention and a phone call home**
- **4th time - Write up and parent conference**
- **5th time - Sent directly to the disciplinarian with write up**
- **Serve disruption - Phone call home**

The students have been informed of the discipline plan. I will be communicating with you throughout the year to keep you aware of your child's progress. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to email me at amarcario@roselleschools.org

Grading Policy

- Tests 30%
- Quizzes 25%
- Projects 20%
- Class Participation 15%
- Homework 10%

Homework Policy

I believe that homework is an integral part of the education process. I use homework to either reinforce what is being done in class or to introduce a new topic for the following day. By completing their homework on time and well, the students will be better prepared for tests, quizzes, and projects.

I expect all students to follow these guidelines when completing homework assignments:

- 1. All homework assignments will be completed on time. Each day late will result in points taken off. After three days late I will not accept it for the first marking period. In the second marking period it will be two days late. In the third marking period I will accept it one day late. In the fourth marking period I will not accept it late. (Be aware Abraham Clark High school and colleges have the same lateness policy)**
- 2. Students will be responsible for making up all homework missed when absent. Check on Google Classroom for what you missed. If you are absent one day, you will have one day to make it up.**

3. Students will turn in work that is done neatly. If I can not read it then no grade will be given.
4. Students will complete homework on their own unless otherwise directed. Any copying of homework will result in a zero for both the student who copies and the student who was copied from. This a form of plagiarism and it will not be tolerated. I can use [plagiarism checker](#) to check your work. Anything more than 15% is considered plagiarized.
5. If an assignment/ homework needs the internet please use your home computer, library, or stay late or come early to school. I am usually at school by 8 and leave after 4 on most days.

If a student chooses to not do their homework the following consequences will occur:

1. Any homework handed in late will result in points off per day. This policy applies to projects and papers.
2. Any missed homework/projects will result in paperwork to be sent home to be signed by a parent daily until the assignment is turned in for three days.
3. If the problem continues the student will complete the assignment before or after school or during their lunch once I speak to the parents/ guardians.
4. If the problem continues, the parent(s)/ guardian(s) will be asked to sign the planner to verify the student has completed their homework daily.

I feel that parents are very important to ensuring that their children complete their homework, which helps the students do well in class. I ask you make homework a top priority for your child and provide him/her with praise and support. If there is ever a concern regarding homework please feel free to email me at amarcario@roselleschools.org

Absenteeism

- If a student is absent on a test date, the students will take the test the next day they attend school.
- If a student is absent on a review day before a test, they will still be required to take the test on the assigned date.
- If a student is absent on the day a project or paper is due, that student should email or send it in with another student. Otherwise, it will be due upon their return to school.
- **If a student is absent they should Google Classroom for all assignments and what they will need completed upon their return.**

I am looking forward to an exciting and productive year and hope that I can count on you for your support in fostering your child's personal educational growth. If you ever need to contact me for any reason please feel free to email me at amarcario@roselleschools.org. Thank you!

Materials

Please obtain by Monday.

Optional

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● One subject notebook or binder (to be kept in the room) ● One folder ● Pens ● Highlighter | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crayons Colored Pencils Ruler |
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Please sign below to acknowledge that you and your child have read the Classroom Discipline plan, Grading, Homework and Absenteeism Policy. Please return this page for your first one hundred for homework!

Student Signature _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian email address: _____ (I will add you on google classroom so you can see your child's daily work, and assignments. Grades will appear in Genesis)

Parent/Guardian Phone number to be reached: _____

Additional Phone number (optional): _____