Dear Parents and Guardians,

This year will be an exciting time for the students in my classroom. They will be learning social studies concepts in a highly engaging way.

Our school is using *Social Studies Alive! Ohio in the United States.* This program truly engages students in learning. Your student will be an active participant instead of a passive observer by experiencing social studies through proven teaching practices for engagement that include dramatic role playing, dynamic group projects, and writing from a historical perspective. Your student's program contains exciting online resources, including biographies, lesson games, and reading support. In addition, your student will have a Student Journal to organize ideas.

Curious about what your child will be learning this year? Ohio's social studies standards form the backbone of the course. This year, students will learn about the early history of the United States, from Indigenous peoples to the American Revolution. Next, we will focus on Ohio's role in the early United States. We will also study the geography of Ohio and how it has shaped our state. Then, we'll dive into civics and government. Finally, we'll cover economics and financial literacy.

Here are some tips on supporting your child's academic progress in this class:

- Discuss history and current events with your child, and listen to what your child has to say.
- Ask to see your child's work on a regular basis so that you can see for yourself what your child is learning.
- Provide a quiet study place, free from distractions.
- Finally, extend learning beyond the walls of the classroom by taking your child to historical sites or museums. Point out that history is all around us, that it shapes the present and the future, and that every one of us can play an active and positive role in it.

I want to thank you in advance for your support. I am looking forward to an exciting, enjoyable, and enriching year working with you and your child.

Sincerely,

Your child's teacher