

Dear Families,

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 *History Alive! World Connections*. This program truly engages students in learning. Your student will be an active participant instead of a passive observer by experiencing history through imaginative teaching practices that include visual analysis, 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, they will have an Interactive Student Notebook to help them organize ideas.

Curious about what your child will be learning this year? This year, students will be immersed in a powerful journey through the history of world civilizations. The curriculum will cover the foundations of history, including how historians study early humans. We will go on to explore the first global age and colonization of the Americas, political revolutions from the 1700s through the early 1900s, the causes and impacts of the world wars, and new geopolitics in the contemporary world.

As we move through these exciting times in history, you can support your child's academic progress by following these tips:

- 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.
- Finally, extend learning beyond the walls of the classroom by encouraging your child to notice civics, economics, geography, and history in their own community. This can take many forms including visiting a historic monument in your community, taking your child with you when you vote, or discussing how your local climate impacts choices you make.

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