



Welcome to Back to School Night! Room 851

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Class Overview:

Social Issues/World Cultures: The fall semester of this class is the Social Issues portion in which the students will explore who they are as individuals and how they can use their morals, values and critical thinking skills to make wise decisions. In addition, the class will be learning about their bodies, how to manage and deal with stress, how to advocate for themselves, how to live healthy lives and the negative impacts that drugs and alcohol can have on their bodies/minds.

During the spring semester of this class, we will jump into world cultures. We will be taking a firsthand look into some of the most inspiring and interesting cultures around the globe including Latin America, Africa, Asia and the Middle East. There will be many group

projects during this semester of the class that will challenge the students to build upon their teamwork skills.

Student Learning Goals:

-Students will track daily assignments, projects, tests and quizzes in a planner.

-Students will participate in group discussions, learning how to debate current issues.

-Students will use power point, google docs and google slides, comic life, Microsoft Word, and iPads to create visual presentations.

-Students will collaborate with staff to ensure comprehension and understanding of content material.

-Students will use critical thinking and introspective skills to learn about who they are in relation to the world around them.

-Students will learn how ethnocentrism plays into our thinking and planning in a positive and negative way.

-Students will learn that differences are good, as long as there are not hurtful consequences.

-Students will target IEP goals and create written reports, read non-fiction articles and answer comprehension questions, analyze and summarize reading, and present speeches to their peers.

-Students will read from grade level World Geography texts and create jigsaw reports and answer questions.

-Students will practice using and applying inferences, taking multiple perspectives and thinking, “outside the box.”

-Student will learn map skills and take geography quizzes on the North American, South American, African and Asian continents.

Classroom Expectations:

-It is expected that each student comes to class with his/her planner, along with a provided folder and assignments/activities/projects to focus on.

-All students are expected to follow the protocol of the new cell phone policy.

-There is no homework given for this class. The students will be working on projects and assignments in class/ academic workshop.

-Students are graded based on their participation, effort and completion of assignments. There will be extra credit offered in this class. Students are always allowed to revise their work for more points, including re-taking geography quizzes.