

WELCOME TO BACK-TO SCHOOL NIGHT!

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LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

Experience has shown that the following basic expectations help to foster participation, focus, learning, and less stress in class:

1. At home, students should have a dedicated, quiet work space. Materials such as: agendas, notebooks, pens/pencils, colored pencils, and highlighters should be within easy reach.
 2. For those wearing masks, please encourage students to speak LOUDLY and CLEARLY through their mask. We are working on this together at school!
 3. Students should log on to Google Classroom DAILY to check for assignments. That doesn't mean that there will be work in Classroom every day, but this is where teachers keep most assignments. If students are absent for ANY reason, they are expected to make-up their work.
 4. Please have students check their EMAIL. All assignments and communication are routed through email, so it's important that students are checking their Inbox.
- Topics/Units of Study-Early Humans, Ancient Civilizations (Mesopotamia, Egypt, India, Greece, Rome)
 - a. The Spiral Notebook
 - b. Google Classroom
 - c. Earbuds-We often watch video clips to supplement the information we are learning in class. It is important to have a **working** set of headphones in class each day.
 - Grading Policy
 1. **Student Grades and Assignments**- Please go to the school district website (www.mtsd.k12.nj.us) and use the "Parent Resources" section to check assignments and student progress. Encourage your child to use them as well. Ms. Rangnow also has a website for Social Studies. Please go to: <http://www.mtsd.k12.nj.us/rangnow> for more information.
 2. **Homework (10%)** – I expect homework (and all assignments) to come in ON TIME, with the exception of an absence from the previous day. I will try not to assign a great deal of homework on the weekends and will usually use some in-class time to work on bigger projects.

3. **The Spiral Notebook/Google Classroom (Formative Work 45%)** - Talk with your child about the work they are completing in Social Studies!
 4. **Performance Tasks (20%) and End-of-Unit Assessments (25%)**-I will give advance notice (usually a week or more) for all due dates/test dates. Students will also receive rubrics and/or expectations for how activities are to be completed. Projects turned in late WILL be penalized.
- Keeping In-Touch
 1. Phone Mail- (609)466-7604 (between 9:45am-11:15 am is best)
 2. E-Mail- jrangnow@mtsd.us
 - After-School Help Days- Ms. Rangnow will stay after school on **Tuesdays** to assist students with any questions about schoolwork that they may have or if they need to make up work.
 - Interact- Ms. Rangnow is the advisor of *Interact*, LMS' community service organization. If you're looking to get your child involved in a great activity, encourage them to join. Check out: <http://www.mtsd.k12.nj.us/lmsinteract> for meeting dates and more information.