

## 6th Grade Social Studies

You are in for an exciting, informative year, as you travel to ancient and modern times of many different places throughout our world. 6th grade Social Studies builds chronological and thematic understanding of ancient and modern civilizations through developing content and concepts of: World History, Geography, Economics, Political Systems, and Cultures.

The year will be organized into the following four units:

Unit 1: Patterns of Settlement in the Ancient and Modern Worlds

Overview of world geography and history

The beginnings of civilization in Mesopotamia, the Indus River Valley, and Egypt

Unit 2: Citizenship and Government in Classical and Modern Times

How government and citizenship works in the U.S. today

How citizenship and governments began in classical Greece and Rome

Unit 3: The Impact of Economics: Change and Continuity in China

How economics affects our lives today

The impact of economics on the history of China and East Asia

Unit 4: Cultural Systems Past and Present

How people interact through their cultures today

The development of major cultures in four regions around the world

As we explore these topics, you will build your skills in: critical and creative thinking, communication, problem-solving, information literacy and research, collaboration, and independence as well as Reading, Writing, and Thinking.

### Learning, Achievement, and Grading

Your grade will be based on how well you learn the skills and knowledge for each unit.

You will have many chances to practice new skills and demonstrate knowledge.

You will receive feedback on your practice, so you can use it to improve and meet the learning goal.

You will know ahead of time when and how to show what you know and have learned.

You will know ahead of time how your work is graded.

You will have many chances to demonstrate what you know.

### Grading:

Practice Homework=10% of your grade

Formative Work (quizzes, graded homework, class work, projects) =65% of your grade

Summative Work (Unit Tests, BCR's, ECR's-which are paragraph and essay responses) =25% of your grade