

## Social Studies

**Guidelines and Expectations** 

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## This year in social studies:

We have a great year ahead of us in Social Studies. We will be working both individually and in collaborative groups as we explore the world around us!

## Major units of study include:

Mapping Skills

The Five Themes of Geography in the Western Hemisphere

Human Migration and Cultural Diffusion

We will focus a lot on literacy strategies, and how to apply skills and strategies to current events and content area text.

Students will practice annotating, connecting, visualizing, summarizing, questioning and making inferences through biweekly current events assignments.

We will also complete several research projects throughout the year, and students will be given the opportunity to explore various output formats such as Power Point and Explain Everything. Most projects will contain a presentation piece as well.

Students will be keeping a journal in Social Studies this year as well. My goal is to get them writing on a consistent basis, whether it be content based or simply fun free-writes. This is a chance for students to express what they have learned in the form of writing.

# Mrs. Walden 2014-2015

#### Tsunami Team

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## Materials needed for class include:

1 1/2 inch three ringed binder

Five tab dividers

1 subject notebook for journal

Independent reading book

Red Pen

Pencil

## HOMEWORK?

I adhere to the homework policy developed by LMS. Students are expected to turn assignments in on the day they are due. Assignments turned in one day late will earn half credit, and no credit will be given for an assignment more than one day late, but it must still be turned in. Parents are to monitor the parent portal and the assignment notebook. A red stamp in the assignment notebook will indicate a missing assignment.

#### Student news

Students will periodically watch CNN Student
News both in the classroom as well as at home.
I want to get them excited to watch the news,
and help them become
aware of what is going
on in the world around
them!

I have read and understand the guidelines set forth by Mrs. Walden.	
Parent Signature:	Date:
Student Name:	





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#### **Inside Story Headline**

This story can fit 150-200 words.

One benefit of using your newsletter as a promotional tool is that you can reuse content from other marketing materials, such as press releases, market studies, and reports.

While your main goal of distributing a newsletter might be to sell your product or service, the key to a successful newsletter is making it useful to your readers.

A great way to add useful content to your newsletter is to develop and write your own articles, or include a calendar of upcoming events or a special offer that promotes a new prod-

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You can also research articles or find "filler" articles by accessing the World Wide Web. You can write about a variety of topics but try to keep your articles short.

Much of the content you put in your newsletter can also be used for your Web site. Microsoft Publisher offers a simple way to convert your newsletter to a Web publication. So, when you're finished writing your newsletter, convert it to a Web site and post it.

#### **Inside Story Headline**

"To catch the reader's attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here."

The subject matter that appears in newsletters is virtually endless. You can include stories that focus on current technologies or innovations in your field.

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You may also want to note business or economic trends, or make predictions for your customers or clients.

If the newsletter is distributed internally, you might comment

upon new procedures or improvements to the business. Sales figures or earnings will show how your business is growing.

Some newsletters include a column that is updated every issue, for instance, an advice column, a book review, a letter from the president, or an editorial. You can also profile new employees or top customers or vendors.

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This story can fit 75-125 words. Selecting pictures or graphics is an important part of adding content to your newsletter.

Think about your article and ask yourself if the picture supports or enhances the message you're trying to convey. Avoid selecting images that appear to be out of context.

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which you can choose and import into your newsletter. There are also several tools you can use to draw shapes and symbols.

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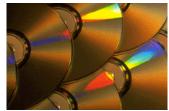
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#### Mrs. Walden



Primary Business Address Your Address Line 2 Your Address Line 3 Your Address Line 4

Phone: 555-555-5555 Fax: 555-555-5555 E-mail: someone@example.com

Your business tag line here.



We're on the Web! example.microsoft.

This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

### **Back Page Story Headline**

This story can fit 175-225 words. If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of stand-

ard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.



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