

Social Studies 2019-2020

Welcome!

Hello, my name is Annie Beaver and I will be your student's social studies teacher this year. While I may be a new face at South Middle School, I want you to know that you can always contact me with questions and concerns. You will find my contact information at the bottom of this letter and more about me on my school website.

Educational Philosophy:

I believe that every student has room for growth. With my support and yours, we can help your student achieve amazing things! I know that with a determined/hardworking attitude your student will be successful in my class. I ask that they always come prepared, positive, and ready to learn.

If they are having a tough time that day, students will know that communication is key with me. I display “**5 Things YOU Should Know**” on my wall at all times:

- 1. I care about YOU!**
- 2. YOU are important to many people, including me.**
- 3. I will never judge YOU.**
- 4. I will always help YOU.**
- 5. YOU can talk to me.**

These “5 Things” hold true to me, and I believe that to promote a positive learning environment students should feel comfortable in our school and our classroom. I hope you will join me in creating a safe space for our students and help them accomplish as much growth as possible this year!

What To Expect:

On the parent end, you should know that I will rarely assign homework to your student. I believe that after a long day at school students should be able to debrief and share their experiences with you and enjoy some downtime. I will ask that you ask them as much as possible about

school (I know students in middle school don't always love to share). Be persistent and hopefully they will open up :) I will also try my best to keep you informed through my website, Facebook, Instagram, and emails. Now and again students will have assignments where they might need your help or where they will need to work with an adult to complete the assignment. I will communicate the instructions with you, and if you have any questions please reach out.

We are a team and we will only be successful if we all work together :)

Once again I am so excited to be working with you and your student this year!

Yours Truly,

Annie Beaver

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