**Ms. Alland’s Social Studies Class Expectations**

Welcome to the sixth grade and Blake Middle School! At Blake, we strive to instill in every student the importance of the 4R’s; Respect, Responsibility, Resourcefulness and Reflection. At Blake all teachers feel that every student can achieve these important goals. In the Social Studies classroom we work to model the 4R’s every day. Below are examples of how we will be utilizing the 4R’s.

**RESPECT**

* students are expected to learn about different cultures of the world and not judge the people they learn about but rather understand the situations in which they exist in
* students are expected to listen to other students during class discussions and presentations without offending the presenter
* students are expected to treat others in class fairly by acts of sharing, helping, and guiding

**RESPONSIBILITY**

* students are expected to bring to class material needed to succeed
  + pencil
  + writing paper
  + pen
  + homework
  + agenda book
  + other material deemed necessary at the time
* students are expected to advocate for themselves when learning material becomes difficult to understand
  + attend extra help sessions
  + contact the teacher via e-mail
  + present a note from a parent excusing student from homework or quiz when appropriate
* students are expected to seek out the teacher prior to a known absence to discuss what material will be missed
* students are expected to talk with the teacher after returning from an absence
* students are expected to check the teacher website with regularity
  + homework
  + project information
  + study games
  + calendar dates
  + website links

**RESOURCEFULNESS**

* students are expected to read assigned readings and use the information to apply to learning experiences presented in class
* students are expected to contact the teacher when confused about homework, projects, and/or quizzes
* students are expected to read directions to assignments prior to asking questions regarding the assignment

**REFLECT**

* students are expected to record, in their agenda book, grades from returned work
* students are expected to consider redoing assignments if the opportunity presents itself
* students are expected to read all feedback on assignments and use the information on future assignments

**Classroom Rules**

1. **Respect your peers, teachers and school**
2. **Be Prepared for class**
3. **Use technology responsibly**
4. **Think before you speak**
5. **Be KIND**
6. **Have fun!**
7. **Try new things**
8. **Be on time**
9. **Never be afraid of failure**

**10. Learn something new every day!**