

**Dear Team Innovation Families,**

**Hello! I would like to update you on a few things that are happening in Social Studies this week and in general.**

**First, your children are doing wonderfully and are feeling comfortable and confident at this point. Lockers are not a huge issue and kids can mostly find their way around, so that's great! In SS we are starting the Early Man unit. This is such a great unit, and the students love studying it. You will not believe some of the terms and facts that they will start telling you shortly.**

**Next, please remember that homework for Team Sixth Innovation is posted daily on the Team Innovation website at [naschools.net](http://naschools.net). You can go to the "Middle School", "Teams/Departments", and "Team Innovation" to find it.**

**Also, SS homework is posted daily separately on the SS webpage. This can be accessed through the Team Innovation webpage, or directly through Edline when your child is signed in. SS homework can be found on the HW calendar, and worksheets for each day can often (not always) be printed from the SS homework calendar as well.**

**In addition to homework information, you can find links, copies of notes, general information and more on the SS website, Also, it's pretty! Take a look!**

**For your information, I have made all of my SS grades "public". That means you can see every bit of your child's grades. Once you have your X2/Aspen code and login (this is different from your child's Edline/Website account login), you will be able to go to your child's SS class and view all of the current grades, including tests, quizzes and homework. More specifically, you can view the homework assignments by name, to see if your child is up to date, has missing or incomplete work, or has handed in any work late. There are only two assignments input so far. The third was due today and will be input shortly.**

**You should have received an email blast from Mrs. Erban with directions on using X2/Aspen. Once you are in, play around! You can't ruin anything by pressing buttons. The more things you look at the more details you can find. I recommend that you check X2/Aspen weekly to ensure that your child is where you think he or she is.**

**By making my grades public, I hope to strengthen the communication between student, family and school. I hope that you will be able to work with and speak with your child to ensure that they are working well, and so that you know as quickly as possible if there are any problems with their work.**

**To that end I have created a few codes to help you:**

**100:** this assignment is complete, done very well (strong effort) and was handed in on time. On the assignment you would see a check plus.

**85:** this assignment is complete or almost complete, done to a satisfactory level and was handed in on time. On the assignment you would see a check.

**70:** this assignment is most likely not complete or not done particularly well (little effort) and was handed in on time. On the assignment you would see a check minus.

**50:** this assignment is complete but was handed in late not due to absence (half credit).

**0:** this assignment was not handed in at all or was completely unacceptable. It should be completed or redone and handed in for half credit.

**0 inc:** this assignment is incomplete and has a temporary zero score. The work will revert back to a check minus, a check or a check plus when completed and handed back in. For example on map or vocabulary homework, spelling and capitalization errors will result in an incomplete. When students correct the errors and write each incorrect word 10 times, they may resubmit this for a check minus, check or a check plus depending on the rest of the work.

**0 abs:** this assignment was not handed in due to absence (including missing class for any reason such as out sick, at the nurse, at band) and still remains outstanding. This assignment should be completed and submitted for full credit and will receive a check minus, a check or a check plus depending on the quality just like any other assignment. Assignments not handed in a timely manner (the next day for band and within a few days if absent) will be considered late and will receive half credit.

Please note that homework will not be updated daily. Assignments submitted late or resubmitted after an incomplete may not show as full credit right away. Nevertheless, you should have a solid handle on what is happening if you check in now and then. If you have any questions or concerns about what you see, feel free to email me any time. I have put a copy of this note on the SS webpage as well.

Thank you very much for your patience with this enormous note, and for sharing your children with us this year! We are having a wonderful time!

Very sincerely,

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