

September 2019

Grade Five Social Studies: Mrs. Patricia Attanasio

I look forward to an exciting year with the Fifth Grade Students at Saint Francis de Sales Academy!

CURRICULUM

The focus of the 5th Grade Standards will be centered upon **Engage NY** with the NYC Department of Education. This year, we will be exploring topics that encompass the world's Western Hemisphere. These topics include:

- * Geography
- * Native Americans and Indigenous People
- * Complex Societies and Civilizations
- * European Explorers
- * The Slave Trade
- * Comparative Cultures
- * Government and Economics.

In alignment with the NY State Standards, the students will be examining primary and secondary documents to help them with their writing skills when they complete essays on a given topic.

HOMEWORK AND PROJECTS

Students will receive homework every day. For every missing homework assignment, they will be deducted 5 points out of a total of 100 points for their homework grade. If they miss three homework assignments, they will receive an infraction and I will be contacting the parent/guardian.

They will create and complete projects when given in class and as assigned homework. They will be given a time frame to complete each project in advance so as they will have time to complete it.

All homework assignments must be written in their planner every day. In addition, their assignments will be on the *Google Classroom* site. Please check their *Chrome Book* every day. I recommend that you check your child's planner and the *Google Classroom/Calendar* for notices and any other communication from Saint Francis Academy.

QUIZZES/ ASSESSMENTS/PORTFOLIOS

All quizzes and assessments must be signed by a parent or guardian. Each student will have a portfolio as an additional grade. They will place their work in the portfolio and an extra credit they may choose to complete.

Homework - 15%

Classwork - 15%

Writing Assessments/Projects - 20%

Assessment - 50%

TECHNOLOGY

As you know, your child will receive a Chrome Book for their grade. This device is to be charged every day and brought to school each morning. The students will be using this book every day and it is imperative that they keep it updated.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at pattanasio@stfranciisschoolbh.net.

I am looking forward to a wonderful and productive year with your child.

Respectfully yours in Christ,
Patricia Attanasio