

7SS Newsletter – 9.4.19

Hello 7th Grade Parents,

The students have begun studying Chapter 7, A More Perfect Union. When the American colonies broke their political ties with Great Britain, they faced the task of forming independent governments at both the state and national levels. In 1788, the Constitution became the official plan of American government. Created to meet the needs of a changing nation, the Constitution has been the fundamental law of the United States for more than 200 years. It has served as a model for many constitutions all over the world.

Students will begin by recognizing the struggle to define the new government and completing a semantic feature analysis of the Articles of Confederation. They will then examine the development of the Constitution, focusing on the various plans that were presented for debate and the compromises that were made. Students will also analyze primary source documents that influenced the Constitution. Finally, students will examine the debate between the Federalists and the Anti-Federalists over the adoption of the Constitution. This will lead to our more in-depth study of the United States Constitution. I will send more information regarding the U.S. Constitution Test at a later date.

Next week (9/13), the students will also begin their Economics Unit on Fridays. They will be taking a better look at the study of economics and how our economy works. We will discuss the economic facts of life - scarcity, opportunity cost, and decisions. Students will then gain an understanding of the five basic laws of economics - supply, demand, equilibrium, increased/decreased supply, and increased/decreased demand - and how changes in these factors can lead to surpluses and shortages. Students will then discuss the six major concepts of economics. They will use this knowledge to support their participation in the Illinois Economics Poster Contest. Once the students have a foundational understanding of economics, we will move on to discuss personal finance. Students will discuss types of money, banking basics, earning income, and developing a personal budget.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Have a great week!

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Mrs. Esquivel