

7SS Newsletter – 11.16.20

Hello 7th Grade Families,

Today, the students began their study of the Jefferson Era. In 1801, the Democratic-Republican Party took control of the nation's government. The Federalists - the party of Alexander Hamilton and John Adams - were now on the sidelines and played the role of critics to the Democratic-Republican administration. Politicians today operate within the party system that took shape at that time. While the two main parties have changed, each still works to win votes and gain power. If the people vote to change the party in power, the newly elected representatives take office peacefully and the government continues.

After discussing the controversial election of 1800, students will take a look at the Western Territory and the Louisiana Purchase. They will also have the chance to travel through the wilderness with Lewis and Clark. Students will then discuss the rising conflicts during a time of expansion and the effects of the Embargo Act of 1807. Finally, we will analyze the War of 1812, how it changed our nation, and the spirit of patriotism it inspired.

All materials and assignments can be found on the Social Studies Google Classroom. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Have a great week!

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Mrs. Esquivel