

7SS Newsletter – 2.17.21

Hello 7th Grade Families,

In Social Studies, the students have begun studying "The North and South." At the same time that national spirit and pride were growing throughout the country, a strong sectional rivalry was also developing. Both North and South wanted to further their own economic and political interests. Differences still exist between the regions of the nation. Modern communication and the migration of people from one region to another have lessened the differences.

Students will begin by comparing the economies of the North's industry and the South's agriculture. We will then focus on life and culture in the two regions. The North saw a rise in immigration and large cities. And while slavery has largely disappeared in the North, discrimination still existed. In the South, cotton became king, leading to large plantations in need of cheap labor. Slavery became an institution in the South. Students will discuss what life under slavery was like for African Americans, as well as the development of an abolitionist movement.

The students will be wrapping up their final Personal Finance chapter in the next couple of weeks. We will then move onto our Geography Unit on Fridays for the remainder of the school year.

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

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Mrs. Esquivel