**Welcome to 6th Grade Social Studies!**

Dear Parents,

My name is Ms. Gabrielle Kennel and I am so excited to be your child’s Social Studies teacher for the 2015-2016 school year. I would like to take this opportunity to tell you a little about myself and to welcome your child into my class.

I am from Louisiana originally but attended college at the University of Southern Mississippi. I feel strongly that USM provided me with the tools I need to be a successful teacher for your child. Currently, I am attending graduate school for Educational Leadership at the University of New Orleans. Also, I am the director of the Andrew Jackson Middle School Colonelettes dance team and the grade level chair for sixth grade. As always, I am very anxious to meet all my new students and to begin another journey at Andrew Jackson Middle School. Teaching is my passion and I am proud to call it my job.

The theme of my classroom is “OH! The places we will go…” The students will study many different ancient civilizations throughout the course of the school year. They will learn about languages, art, ancient governments, religions, architecture, etc.… I am excited to enter a time machine with my students as we discover how our world has changed since the ancient times. Please join us for a journey into the past!

Some ways you can help your child’s school year to be successful are making sure that they review their notes and lesson starters daily. Social Studies can be an overwhelming subject for students because so much has happened over time! Also, it is imperative that your child always completes his/her homework and reviews the study guides I send home. I will be sending home a syllabus on the first day of school for you to review with your child. The syllabus has an attached sheet that MUST be signed and returned. In the meantime, feel free to check out my class website: kennel6thss.weebly.com

Again, I want to say how grateful I am to have your child in my class. If we work together, I know that he/she will succeed. It is my mission to make my classroom a fun and organized learning environment. I look forward to working with each of you. If you need to get in touch with me, you can call the school at 504-301-1500 or email me at GKennel@sbpsb.org.

Thank you,

Ms. Gabrielle Kennel