My name is Mr. Domek, and I'm very, very excited to be one of the new staff at Stonegate. I love teaching, and I truly feel this is the best job in the world! 6<sup>th</sup> grade is both an exciting and challenging grade level. Students will work extremely hard in the classroom and will probably come home tired. It is important for students to stay motivated, complete all homework assignments, and discuss the day with parents. There is a huge emphasis in my classroom on developing skills and strategies that will help students be successful in middle school and beyond. Please set aside a location for homework and studying because middle school is rigorous, but students will be successful with the right attitude and work ethic.

### **Classroom Required Materials**

- Two Single Subject, Spiral Bound, College Ruled Notebooks
- Pens, Pencils, Pencil Sharpeners

## **Grading Policy for 6th Grade History**

- 35% = Classwork
- 15% = Homework
- 45% = Tests, Quizzes, Projects
- 5% = Participation and Effort

**Late Policy** -A maximum score of 60% will be given to work that is one day late. Any work turned in more than one day late will not be given any credit.

**Absence Policy** -When a student is absent, he or she must check in with me to discuss missed assignments and to receive copies of notes. He or she will have three days to complete the work for full credit.

# **Classroom Rules**

- 1. Follow all Stonegate rules and policies.
- 2. Be kind to others at all times.
- 3. Work hard in class and on homework assignments.
- 4. Never cause a distraction from learning.
- 5. Be safe and let me know when there is a problem.
- 6. No food or gum.
- 7. A water bottle is allowed for water only.
- 8. Show respect to all students and adults.
- 9. Come to class with all work completed and all required materials.
- 10. Follow all of Mr. Domek's directions in class.

### **Consequences** 1. Verbal warning

- 2. Conference between teacher and student after class, during break, or during lunch
- 3. Parent contact
- 4. Referral to Assistant Principal

# Some Important Classroom Procedures

### **Entering the classroom:**

- -Students must enter the classroom quietly and ready to learn.
- -Upon sitting down, students must take out a pen or pencil and the following three items:
  - 1. Agenda (for writing down homework)
  - 2. Completed homework (100% of the homework must be completed to get a stamp)
  - 3. Notebook (to begin assigned warm up immediately)

### **During class:**

- -Students must raise a hand to speak; one person speaks at a time. Students are often called on randomly through the use of names on cards to answer a question. They must be prepared to answer.
- -If students have to leave their seats, they must do so only during independent work, not distract anyone, and return quickly to their desks.
- To use the restroom, students must ask the teacher during appropriate times (not during the first or last fifteen minutes of class and not when the teacher is in the middle of teaching).

#### At the end of class:

-The teacher, not the bell, will dismiss the class. Please do not pack up early. No waiting by the door.

Students and parents, if you have any questions or you'd like to check in at any point during the year, please contact me at (916) 375-0960 ext. 6040 or <a href="mailto:pdomek@wusd.k12.ca.us">pdomek@wusd.k12.ca.us</a>

Thank you for reading this! I'm looking forward to a great year.

Mr. Domek