

Dear Parents,

Over the next few weeks, we will be studying History in Social Studies. I am sending home some information that will show you what your child is expected to learn during the unit.

It would be helpful if you review this material with your child at home. I will give you at least one week's notice before the date of the test. It would be helpful to "study" a small portion each night rather than trying to review it all right before the test.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

The Second Grade Teachers

Essential Question:	Answer:
1. Describe everyday life in the present in terms of food, clothing, homes, transportation, communication, recreation and rights.	<p>The students will need to describe <i>their</i> lives using the following terms: Food, clothing, homes, transportation, communication, recreation, rights and freedoms. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Our family buys food and clothing at the store.• I live in a home with 3 bedrooms.• My transportation is my family's car and a school bus.• I use the phone and email to communicate with my friends.• I go to Brubaker Park and play video games for recreation.• My right to free speech lets me give my opinion about the books I read.
2. What contributions did historical people make?	See chart on back.

Person	Why they are important.
Thomas Edison	He was a famous inventor. He invented the light bulb and motion pictures.
Abraham Lincoln	The 16 th President of the United States. His picture is on the Penny and Five-dollar bill.
George Washington	The 1 st President of the United States. His picture is on the Quarter and One-dollar bill.
Martin Luther King, Jr.	He fought peacefully for equal rights for everyone.
Theodore Roosevelt	The 26 th president of the United States. Expanded the National Park System and his nickname was "Teddy."
Lewis and Clark with Sacagewea	They explored the wilderness in the Northwest United States.
Harriet Tubman	She helped slaves escape from slavery in the South on the "underground railroad."
Betsy Ross	She made the first American Flag.
Francis Scott Key	Wrote our national anthem called "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Vocabulary:

Word	What it means.	Examples
food	Something that you eat.	pizza, apple, cereal, chicken
clothing	Material that covers the body.	shirt, pants, socks
homes	A place where you live.	house, apartment, trailer, townhouse
transportation	A means of moving from place to place.	bus, car, train, airplane, bike, subway
communication	How ideas are shared.	telephone, email, fax, letters, instant messages
recreation	Activities that are done on your free time.	baseball, video games, hiking, bicycling
rights	Freedoms that the government protects.	free speech, freedom of religion, right to vote