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Dear Parents and Students,

This year we will be using Edmodo in Mrs. McDaniel's 8th Grade GA Studies class. Edmodo is a free and secure learning network for teachers, students, and schools. It provides a safe way for teachers and students to connect, share content, access homework, participate in discussions, manage due dates, and receive class information. They will also be given polls, quizzes, projects, and assignments on Edmodo that must be completed for a grade.

Unlike other social networks such as Facebook and Twitter, Edmodo is a tool strictly for educational purposes and we will be enforcing the following guidelines:

1. Students will be required to use appropriate grammar instead of texting language
2. Edmodo does not allow private student-to-student messaging - the site will be used to discuss school-related content only, and the teacher will monitor all Edmodo activity
3. No put-downs or sarcasm toward another's ideas. All school rules and consequences related to harassment apply. A student will be given no more than 2 warnings and will be removed from the group.
4. If a student is removed from the group, they will not be allowed to complete the assignments, quizzes, polls, or discussions. This will result in the student receiving a grade of a zero for the respective tasks and cannot make them up nor will they be given an alternate assignment.

Students who violate the guidelines above may face disciplinary action and/or face losing the privilege of using Edmodo.

Parent Account:

Edmodo is accessible to Teachers, Students and Parents at any time on any device through the Web. If you wish to follow your child's account to stay up to date on class activities and grades, you can by signing up for your Parent Account on the website at any time. For more information on this, please contact me and I will supply you with the parent code. Please do not use the student code to sign up because the parent account looks and operates differently.

Students have been made aware of the expectations and requirements. There is also an *Edmodo* tab on my website for student group codes and instructions.

I look forward to a great year as we incorporate the use of technology into our classroom curriculum. If you have any questions, please contact me at smcdaniel@rockdale.k12.ga.us or by phone at 770.483.3371 ext. 23180.

Thank you,

Mrs. McDaniel