

My Program Philosophy

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

I would like to welcome you and your child to World Geography—a fascinating course that I am excited to be teaching! Please consider getting involved in your child's education throughout the term. By doing so, you can help your son or daughter succeed and maybe even enjoy learning something new yourself. And why not? The more we all know about the world around us, the more we can make sense of events happening in the world today.

Throughout the World Geography course your son or daughter will be using the text *Holt Social Studies: World Geography*. This textbook provides a thorough introduction to geography and a regional approach to exploring the world. This important information is presented through an informative and richly illustrated narrative, supported by a strong map program, reading questions that check your child's comprehension, and special features that enliven the study of geography.

My goals for the course are to help your child:

- learn about people, places, and cultures around the world
- develop a strong understanding and appreciation of the basic principles of geography
- understand the important role that geography has played throughout history
- see how geography influences his or her life on a daily basis
- recognize connections between geography and other disciplines
- build a solid Social Studies and academic vocabulary
- develop thinking skills that support the ability to challenge assumptions, think creatively, and solve real-life problems
- have fun!!

I would appreciate your help in furthering these goals. Simply encouraging your child as he or she explores world geography will go a long way! Thank you for being an important part of your child's learning experience this year.

Sincerely,

Heriberto Rodriguez