*Geography Syllabus*

*“The Lord created the heavens. He is God. He formed the earth and made it. He set it firmly in place. He didn’t create it to be empty. Instead he formed it for people to live on. He says, “I am the Lord. There is no other Lord.”*

*Isaiah 45:18*

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RBCS - Mission Statement

Our mission is to assist parents in their God-given responsibility to train and develop in their children a biblical world view, Christian character, and the skills necessary to fulfill God's calling in their lives.

RBCS Vision

To impact the world by equipping each generation to use their God-given abilities as champions for Christ.

The objectives of this class is for the students to:

Geography is the study of place, not only to learn where places are but how they differ and why. The two main branches of geography is physical (the earth and its resources) and human (the study of an as he lives on the earth and uses the resources). We will be learning not only the geography but how having a Biblical worldview affects how we study these topics, and celebrating the world God created for us. We study the world as God made it and the world as man subdues it.

Geography is designed to be a class that involves more hands on projects and learning. Students will have some projects that they will need to work on at home. I will be emailing lots of information when these projects are coming up. Please always feel free to ask any questions. I really appreciate parent involvement!

First semester we will be studying the United States, maps, landforms, climate, industries, culture, and many other exciting topics. While learning the states, we will break the United States into 5 regions. As we study each region, we will learn where the state is on the map, the capital, and some other interesting information.

Materials (students are expected to bring their supplies to class everyday. Failure to do so may result in loss of participation points.)

* Notebook
* Folder or binder
* 1 thin binder with tabs labeled (in January we will add more tabs when we start studying the world)
	+ United States
		- Northeast
		- Southeast
		- Southwest
		- Midwest
		- Western
* Highlighter
* Pens/Pencils

In geography we do many different hands on projects. For these projects students need to have the following supplies in a soft pencil case:

* Scissors
* Crayons or colored pencils
* Glue stick
* 6 inch ruler

Grading Scale

A 90–100

 B 80–89

C 75–79

D 70–74

F 0–69

Assignments will be given in the categories of:

* Participation
* Projects
* Quizzes / Tests
* Homework

Assignments:

1) Students must use clean whole sheets of paper; unless otherwise instructed.

2) The student's name, date and assignment must appear in the upper right corner of the paper.

3) Students must use dark inks or dark pencil, or keyboard their assignment neatly.

4) All corrections should be neatly made.

5) Papers with too many mechanical errors will be returned to the student for correction before grading.

*Extra credit*: Students may earn extra credit by doing exceptionally well on class work or by correctly answering specific questions imbedded in assignments and quizzes, as determined by the teacher. No extra credit is given on assignments turned in late. Students should earn their grades based on the regular course work.

*Late work*: Students are expected to turn their class work in on the due date. Work turned in after the due date will be marked down **10%** each day late. After one day students will receive a homework detention for the missing work.

*Makeup work*: Students have one school day for each day absent to turn in all makeup work (unless arrangements are made with the instructor for more time). Not all class activities can be made up, as they require direct participation by the student.

CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR:

1) Students are expected to take responsibility for learning. BE PREPARED!

2) Students are expected to respect the rights of others. BE RESPECTFUL!

3) Students are expected to treat property with respect. YOU BREAK IT, YOU BUY IT!

4) Students are expected to act in a safe and healthy way. KEEP YOUR HANDS TO YOURSELF!

5) Students are expected to follow the rules in the Parent/Student Handbook in this classroom.

Food

Students will not be permitted to eat food in the classroom. Drinks are allowed, when in a sealed container.

Technology

Students will not be permitted to use technology, ESPECIALLY cell phones in the classroom without prior teacher permission. Students who are unable to follow this rule will have their device taken away.

Detention (Per RBCS handbook)

Students may earn detentions for a variety of offenses, including, but not limited to: tardiness, no homework, dress code violations, and unkind speech. Teachers may assign students to an after school detention in their class these infractions. The fourth detention for the same infraction results in an automatic Saturday School detention. Excessive detentions (eight) in a semester will result in suspension. Further detentions will result in additional suspensions or expulsion. Detention dates are assigned on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

Students will be charged $2.00 per detention period. Parents who wish to have their child's assigned detention date changed should contact the principal. The Administration will not reschedule an afternoon detention for purposes of extracurricular activities. Parents may choose for their child to serve Saturday School in lieu of a detention served for extra-curricular purposes. Failure to serve an assigned detention will result in Saturday School.

Incentives

Students will receive tickets when they are caught having good behavior. These tickets can be entered in weekly drawings!

Dress Code

Because I have your student for first period I will be checking them for dress code. If you have any questions about the school dress code, please ask or go to the school website rbcs.org.

HONOR CODE

The Honor Code will be strictly enforced in this class.  Students who plagiarize or cheat on assignments (including essays), quizzes, or exams will receive NO CREDIT for that particular assignment, quiz, or exam.  Offending students will also be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with teacher and RBCS policies.

**Things to remember: Syllabi are fluid documents that need to allow for flexibility and “teachable moments” that might redirect a given activity or unit**

I am very excited for this year and the privilege of being your teacher. I believe God is going to be doing some wonderful things at Rocky Bayou, in our classroom, and in our lives. Please feel free to contact me at any time with any questions, concerns, or comments. Thank you!

Grace & Faith

Ms. Riley

\*\*Please complete the following form and return to Ms. Riley to acknowledge that you have read the class syllabus and understand the requirements\*\*

The syllabus is for your own records. Thank you in advance for your assistance and participation!

**Turn in by Monday August 18 for a ticket and extra credit on our first quiz!**

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I have read and understand Ms. Riley’s Classroom Procedures

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Parent Signature Student Signature

If there is anything else you would like me to know about your child please let me know below: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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