

## Grade 7/8 Encore – 2008

**“Travels with Mr. T”** - A three-part geography travelogue for students in grades 6, 7, and 8. Students in grades 6, 7, and 8 will be introduced to regional geography using a tutorial website, videoclips, and a variety of research projects and software. Starting in 2009-2010, grade 8 students will use their regional geography skills to study current events and how those events affect our world.

**Grades seven (7) and Eight (8)** will focus upon Eastern Hemisphere regional geography. Students will expand their geographical knowledge to include the nations of Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, and Africa. Research will be completed on each of the regions using Hyperlinking skills, along with Powerpoint, Publisher, and the school Website.

Week #1 – Orientation, Review of Hyperlinking Activities, Introduction to E.pals technology, and Videoconferencing.

Week #2-3 – Europe

Week #4-5 – Asia

Week #6 – Middle East

Week #7 – Oceania

Week #8-9 – Africa

### **Encore Philosophy and Grading System**

Encore classes are an opportunity for students to use technology for a discovery-based learning experience. Students will be challenged to actively pursue learning outcomes within the classroom. Success will be dependent upon remaining on task and achieving the learning goals.

Encore classes are a graded subject like math, language, art, or band. Students will be assigned little or no homework. Success in encore classes is dependent upon actively pursuing the learning outcomes of the particular class. Students must learn to work with their peers, be able to independently make decisions, be self-motivated, remain on task, and contribute to class harmony.

Students will be asked to bring the following materials each day to encore classes: a writing utensil, encore 3-ring binder with paper, and SSR reading book.

Grades will be calculated on the STI system and based upon the following:

- 20% Classroom participation (including points for conduct)
- 40% Quizzes
- 40% Projects