

Dear Parents,

Thursday, September 01, 2016

This year, your child will create a Michigan State Notebook in order to learn more about the wonderful state that we live in. This is a long term project that will take place over the course of the school year.

Included is a calendar of weekly "due date" times along with some simple instructions for how to complete each assignment. We will work on some assignments in class, but the majority of the work will be done outside of class under parent supervision.

Have your child bring the Michigan State Notebook to class **every Wednesday**. I will teach about a topic in Michigan State History and go over the next week's assignment. *Do not work ahead until the assignment has been discussed in class!* After the next week's assignment has been discussed your child can bring the notebook home to work on the assignment due the following Wednesday. Most assignments will take time so please don't wait until the Tuesday night before the assignment is due to have your child work on it. Your child will need your help because pictures or other items need to be found and printed from the internet. I never recommend that a child surf the internet without an adult present.

Please look over the notebook and notice some of the things that will be needed. Photographs can be collected ahead of time. Please watch the newspaper for articles on sports, politics, etc. Visit the internet or Michigan welcome centers to collect information. If your child has Michigan facts or news to share with the class, that would be most welcome. Remember, if you collect pictures ahead of time, they cannot be glued in the notebook that assignment has been discussed in class. Otherwise, it's possible your child may glue the wrong item on the wrong page.

Your child will be graded on neatness, creativity, and completeness. Please remember that this is your child's assignment. Although your child will need your help collecting information, I'm asking that *you have your child do the work* of the writing in the notebook and the gluing of the pictures. Points will be deducted if your child doesn't do the work.

If you have any questions, please call me right away at 715-218-2357!

For His Glory,

Mrs. Crystal McMillen

Michigan Notebook Instructions and Schedule

1. You must do the writing in your notebook with **pencil!** The writing must be done in your best cursive handwriting. Basic spelling and capitalization rules apply.
2. You will print off pictures or other items from the internet and glue them in your notebook. You must cut the pictures out **straight** and use a **glue stick** to paste them neatly into your notebook. Do not use tape or Elmer's glue! All pictures need to have a label neatly written underneath in cursive so I can tell what the picture is.
3. Do not tear any notebook pages out of your notebook!
4. This notebook will be something you'll keep for a long time. Please use colored ink to print off the pictures. Your notebook will look amazing in color! Points will be deducted if pictures are not printed in color.
5. Each assignment is due Wednesday morning when your child arrives at school. Assignments must be turned in on time or a 10% grade deduction will occur each day the assignment is late.

Specific Assignment Instructions	Due Date
Page 1. Use 2016-2017 for the date. Please use a current student picture.	Sept. 14
Pages 3 & 5--Scenery pictures should be of a famous or beautiful place to visit in Michigan.	Sept. 21
Pages 7 & 9 Find a political map and a physical map of Michigan online. Cut them to fit and glue them in your notebook. Don't forget to place an X of where you live on the political map. Parents try maps.com.	Oct. 5
Pages 11 & 13 Find a picture of the state flower and the state bird and write our state motto for page 11. Our state song is long. Please find the words online and print them off. You may glue the words on page 13.	Oct. 12
Pages 15 & 17 Find pictures for the state tree, leaf, flag, seal, and license plate. Just glue them in your notebook. Write about a paragraph about why you think Michigan's nickname is The Wolverine State. Your parents can find information online on this topic.	Oct. 19
Page 19 (This page is done in class. I will check for neat handwriting.)	Oct.26
Page 21 (The writing of this page is done in class. Just find a picture of the location and glue it inside your notebook. I will check for neatness!)	Nov. 2
Pages 23 & 25 (We will do these pages in class. Just find a picture for each page. Make sure your handwriting is neat!)	Nov. 9
Pages 27 & 29 (We will do these pages in class. Just find a picture for each page. Make sure your handwriting is neat!)	Nov. 16

Pages 31 & 33 (We will do most of page 31 in class. Just find pictures!) Page 33 is simple. Read the directions on the page for what to do. Michigan has 4 neighboring states.	Dec. 7
Page 35 (Read the directions on page 35 and follow them.) Page 37 (The Temperature Highs and Lows will be done in class. You need to chart the weather for one week. Don't forget to write it down each day!)	Dec. 14
Pages 39 & 41 (There's a great MI industry map online. Just glue it on the page. We will do page 41 in class. Just find a picture and make it neat!)	Jan. 11
Pages 43 & 45 (There's a great MI agriculture map found at https://www.michfb.com/MI/Treasures/ . We will do page 45 in class. Just find a picture and make it neat.)	Jan. 18
Pages 47, 49, & 51 (Page 47 should only need a picture. Follow the directions for pages 49 & 51. Make sure your pictures are neat and your writing on page 51 is correctly spelled and makes sense.)	Jan. 25
Pages 53 & 55 (Page 53 will be done in class. Follow the directions for page 55. Your parents will need to help you find some of the information.)	Jan. 21
Pages 57-61 (Find and glue some of your pictures of Michigan. Be sure to label each picture so I know where it was taken!)	Feb. 1
Pages 63 & 65 (Refer to this website to find animals native to MI. http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-153-10370_12145---,00.html) Make sure that you label each picture so I know what each animal is and where it can be found.	Feb. 8
Page 67 (Refer to this website to find pictures of plants native to MI http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-153-10370_12146---,00.html . Make sure you label each plant and where it can be found.)	Feb. 15
Page 69 (Have your parents search the internet to find out what sports are played in MI. Print off pictures and label each picture in case I don't know the name of each sport!)	Feb. 22
Page 71 (Follow the directions for this page.)	Mar. 8
Page 73 (We will do page 73 as a class. Make this page neat!)	Mar. 29
Pages 77-81 are optional and will not be graded. You may choose to do them if you wish. 😊	Apr. 12
Finished Notebook due!	Apr. 12

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Page 1.	Sept. 14	
Pages 3 & 5	Sept. 21	
Pages 7 & 9	Oct. 5	
Pages 11 & 13.	Oct. 12	
Pages 15 & 17	Oct.19	
Page 19	Oct. 26	
Page 21	Nov. 2	
Pages 23 & 25	Nov. 9	
Pages 27 & 29	Nov. 16	
Pages 31 & 33	Dec. 7	
Pages 35 & 37	Dec. 14	
Pages 39 & 41	Jan. 11	
Pages 43 & 45	Jan. 18	
Pages 47, 49, & 51	Jan. 25	
Pages 53 & 55	Feb. 1	
Pages 57-61	Feb. 8	
Pages 63 & 65	Feb. 15	
Page 67	Feb. 22	
Page 69	Mar. 1	
Page 71	Mar. 8	
Page 73	Mar. 29	
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Finished Notebook due. This is for a test grade.	Apr. 12	