HOW WE ARE LEARNING THIS YEAR...
Welcome to Functional Social Science! We will be learning through direct instruction of mini-lessons, the use of technology, learning stations, individual and group projects. We will utilize the various modalities and strengths which each student possesses to access the course content. There will be opportunities to practice skills, apply what we have learned in different ways and research topics that individual students are interested in learning more about. Students will have many opportunities to demonstrate what they have learned as they show growth and mastery in this content area. Skill lessons will include study skills, organizational skills and learning to work with a buddy and small group to complete a task. Topics will cover content items such as: Good Citizenship, Communities, Safety, Basic Government, U.S. Landmarks, Maps, U.S. History Units, and Current Events.

Skill Development
Through a variety of strategies, students will increase their abilities to think creatively, solve problems, and communicate with each other. Students will increase their confidence when working independently and in a small group.

What students should expect...
Students should expect to be encouraged and challenged in an environment that is supportive and fun. They should expect that their individual needs will be met and that they will have learning goals, routines and specific feedback that will aid them in obtaining their academic and personal goals.

Where to find class information...
Grades will be updated each week in Phoenix.
Student/Home Notebooks

How I will communicate with students and parents...
The best way to reach me is through e-mail:
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My schedule is posted on the door of Room 306.
During Viking Time, I may be in rooms: 306, 128, 124, 129