

My name is Dianna Youngblood and I will be teaching your child social studies this year. I am a graduate of UMKC, and am starting my 27th year as a teacher in the diocese. I have been teaching social studies at St. Peter's for 22 years. I live in Lee's Summit with my husband and an aquarium full of fish. In my spare time I enjoy sewing, reading, geocaching, and fishing at the Lake of the Ozarks.

This year seventh graders will study World Geography. Students will study the physical and cultural geography of our planet. We will begin the year learning basic geography skills then move to the study of individual continents. Students will be taking many map assessments throughout the year as well as vocabulary tests and knowledge checks. Several projects will be assigned, as well, such as, Create-a-Continent , that will assess student learning in a creative way.

Your student should not have a large amount of homework in Geography, except for projects, as we do much of our work together in class. However, I will be sending home ZAP (Zeroes Aren't Permitted) forms for assigned homework when the work is not completed. ZAP forms will need to be signed by parents and attached to the completed assignment and turned in the next day for a 10% reduction in grade.

My voice mail extension is 330 and my planning period is 11:20-12:10. I usually arrive at school very early and stay until 4:30, so I am accessible to your child should help be necessary. The best way to contact me is via email at dyoungblood@stpeterskc.org . When your child emails an assignment to me that could not be printed at home, please have the work emailed from a family account and

not your child 's personal email account. I am excited about this year and am looking forward to teaching your child about the rich geography of our great planet.