



Mrs. Shelton  
4<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies

- This is my 14<sup>th</sup> year at St. Gabe's.
- I am married and have 4 children: Jack, Grace, Noah, and Luke. Jack and Grace are students here.
- My day here is split between teaching and helping Mr. Epplen with administrative matters. (I think it's the best of both worlds!)

## Fourth Grade Social Studies – Mrs. Shelton

- Our major topics are United States regions and Ohio studies
- NEW textbook!! Harcourt *Social Studies: States and Regions*
- First Semester:
  - Map Skills
  - Northeast region
  - Southeast region
  - Midwest region
- Second Semester:
  - Southwest region
  - West region
  - Ohio studies

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- What is it that we learn about these regions?
  - states and capitals
  - physical features
  - natural resources
  - industries
  - cultures
  - historical highlights
- Then, we compare and contrast what we have learned with other regions and with our lives here in Ohio.

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- Ohio studies
  - physical features
  - state symbols
  - resources
  - prehistoric and native groups
  - patterns of development and industry
  - how government is organized
  - citizen rights and responsibilities
  - famous and influential Ohioans
  - Ohio's role in historical events (e.g. our role in the Underground Railroad)

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- Skills we practice:
  - Map reading skills
  - Understanding of timelines
  - Use of reference materials (almanacs, atlases, encyclopedias, electronic media)
  - Using primary and secondary materials
  - Writing skills
  - **CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS!**

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- Information/Sources we use:
  - Textbook
  - Ohio Studies Weekly* newspapers
  - Classroom atlases
  - Websites

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- Your child will look forward to:
  - Hands-on map practice
  - Cooperative and individual projects (most are done in class)
  - Compilation of a regions book
  - Integration with other subjects (related projects in Art, topics in Science, stories in Reading, Web activities in Computer, etc.)
  - Lots of guidance and encouragement to be successful learners

# Grading

- Combination of classwork/homework, tests, quizzes, and projects
- Grades are determined by points (total number of points earned divided by total number of points possible)
- Use information in notebooks to study for tests.
- At the end of the quarter, I drop the lowest homework or classwork grade.
- I post S.S. grades on Thursday evenings, the same day that graded papers go home with your child. That way, you only have to check grades once a week.
- Please check Progress Book! You can monitor any missing assignments and praise your child for work well done!



# Communication



- Please contact me with any concerns!
- You can email me at [k.shelton@stgabeschool.org](mailto:k.shelton@stgabeschool.org) or call 771-5220.
- I do not check school email on weekends.
- If you send a note or leave a message, please be specific with your question and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

