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Dear Grade 3 Parents/Guardians,

This year, we purchased the revised version (2020) of the resource we use for working on our History and Social Science Standards in grade 3. The textbook is called *Massachusetts Our Home* and is adapted from *The Massachusetts Story* to meet the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's 2018 History and Social Science Framework. The book is published by Gibbs Smith Education.

Included with this letter is a copy of the standards that are addressed on the Massachusetts study (attachment #1) and the full Social Science History Standards, PK-12 (page 50-60 for grade 3) (attachment #2).

The resource we use covers the following topics that are part of our Massachusetts standards:

- The Land We Call Home
- Europeans Arrive
- The Pilgrims and Native Peoples
- The Puritans, Native Peoples, and Africans
- Massachusetts in the American Revolution
- Your Town and Its Government

Biographies on famous Massachusetts historians, becoming familiar with period maps, thinking like a historian, using a source, and becoming a better reader are objectives of using this book. Major historical events in Massachusetts' history are highlighted in each chapter including some discussion on slavery, Salem Witch Trials, Revolutionary War, among other events.

In addition to the work done in the classroom during the year, students will have field trip experiences to Plimoth Patuxet Museum, Commonwealth Museum, Freedom Trail, and Hanover landmarks. If you have any questions about the learning planned in History or Social Science for grade 3, please reach out to your child's teacher and they will be happy to provide additional information. If there are any topics you wish to excuse your child from learning or have an opportunity to preview materials that will be used during instruction, please let the school know.

Sincerely,

*Jane DeGrenier*

Mrs. DeGrenier

*Hanover Hawks will soar and succeed without limits.*