Dear Families:

This year in our [update for your setting: grade level] classroom, we [update for your setting: are/will be] using **Investigating History**, an innovative new social studies curriculum available from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE).

This curriculum is designed to be fully aligned to the Massachusetts state history standards and to develop students’ deep knowledge of history while engaging them in the work that real historians do. Through Investigating History, our students will learn to ask their own questions about historical events; make sense of images, texts, and artifacts from the past; and connect their learning to real-life issues and current events.

[Update for your setting: This year, students will learn about the following units…/Soon, we will begin our unit on…]

Each Investigating History unit has already gone through a rigorous design and development process that includes subject-matter experts and current Massachusetts educators before being ready for use in our classroom. The Investigating History curriculum is freely available to all Massachusetts schools.

We are excited about this opportunity to provide your child with a comprehensive, culturally sustaining, inquiry-based social studies curriculum and engage them in meaningful, rigorous learning about the past and present! More information about the Investigating History curriculum can also be found at <http://www.mass.gov/investigatinghistory>.

Best,

[Update for your setting: Teacher and/or Principal Name and Contact Information]