

# Course Syllabus

## Social Studies, Grade K

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In Social Studies, the goal is for all students to develop a deep, rich network of understandings related to the world around them. The objectives and competencies included in this curriculum deal with history, geography, economics, and civics from a diverse, global perspective. Students engage in projects that require them to apply Social Studies skills in real-world contexts.

In Kindergarten, students first begin to learn and work together; therefore, citizenship skills should focus on following rules and respecting others. Students should learn core concepts of historical sequence, geography, and economic goods and services. The use of maps and globes is included in the introduction of geography skills. The study of our national heritage begins with learning about symbols, patriotic holidays, and historical people. Students should also have opportunities to discover similarities and differences among people of various cultures.

### Civics and Government

The Civics and Government unit combines United States democratic principles, structure and historical documents with governmental systems found throughout the world.

- The learner will be able to identify figures of authority in his/her community, such as a teacher or police officer.
- The learner will be able to identify purposes for rules.
- The learner will be able to recognize the characteristics common to good citizenship, such as sharing or taking turns.
- The learner will be able to understand the need for rules and the consequences of breaking those rules.
- The learner will be able to draw conclusions about the consequences of not following the rules.
- The learner will be able to understand that the head of the government is the President of the United States.
- The learner will be able to understand safety signs common to this grade level.

### Cultural Perspective

The Cultural Perspective unit includes communities, diversity, fine arts, humanities, folklore, holidays, media, and religious and social issues.

- The learner will be able to understand the reasons for various patriotic holidays.
- The learner will be able to identify how people are similar and different.

### Economics

The Economics unit includes core concepts, such as supply and demand, goods and services, income, and employment, as well as United States and world economies.

- The learner will be able to understand the concept of exchanging money for goods or services.
- The learner will be able to distinguish between 'want' and 'need'.

### Geography

The Geography unit includes United States and world geography, map and globe skills, Earth characteristics, and geographic tools and concepts.

- The learner will be able to observe his/her surroundings.
- The learner will be able to compare and contrast the relative location of items using terms such as near/far, up/down, left/right, and behind/in front.
- The learner will be able to use maps and globes.
- The learner will be able to identify physical features on a map.
- The learner will be able to understand relative distance represented on a map or globe.
- The learner will be able to identify land and water on a map.

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- The learner will be able to recognize the physical characteristics of places, such as land, water, and/or weather.
- The learner will be able to identify seasons.

### Historical Perspective

The Historical Perspective unit includes data interpretation, awareness and analysis skills, and the concepts of time, change, and continuity.

- The learner will be able to understand calendar time, including days, weeks and/or months.
- The learner will be able to sequence different periods of history.

### Technological Developments

The Technological Developments unit includes historical achievements in the areas of communication, math, science, transportation, and technological inventions.

- The learner will be able to identify modes of transportation.
- The learner will be able to associate a mode of transportation with a historical era.

### United States History

The United States History unit includes events and issues pertaining to the founding, development, and expansion of our nation from its inception to present day.

- The learner will be able to identify historical figures.
- The learner will be able to identify the United States flag.
- The learner will be able to identify Washington D.C. as our nation's capital.
- The learner will be able to identify acts of patriotism.
- The learner will be able to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.