

Curriculum Guide

Social Studies

Kindergarten Social Studies

Your child will:

- practice decision making skills, learn about maps & use charts to collect information
- learn about the four basic needs of people (food, clothes, shelter and love); recognize that all people grow, change, have feelings and make choices
- learn about American holidays, leaders and appreciate community traditions

First Grade Social Studies

Your child will:

- identify ethnic/culture families and understand their similarities and/or differences; awareness of cultural traditions and celebrations
- demonstrate an awareness of positive versus negative interactions with peers and adults
- use drawings and oral skills to describe observations
- begin use of geographical terms

Second Grade Social Studies

Your child will learn:

- people are governed by rules and laws; communities elect their leaders
- people must work, live and play together
- communities have similarities and differences; services available are related to the needs/wants of a community

Third Grade Social Studies

Your child will:

- understand and identify the four major U.S. environmental regions (woodlands, plains, desert, northwest coast) and the impact of each on life and society
- learn the process skills of data gathering, interpreting and reporting using such tools as Native American kits, maps, fictional and nonfictional texts

Fourth Grade Social Studies

Your child will:

- study Washington state including geography, history, settlement and environment
- identify and know why major explorers and groups came to Washington
- identify how the environment helps meet basic needs
- identify and describe the climate, topography and natural resources of geographic regions

Fifth Grade Social Studies

Your child will:

- study early North American exploration and discovery
- learn about the early settlers to the United States and how they lived
- identify and understand the events leading to the Revolutionary War and formation of a government
- begin understanding the settlement of the western portion of the U.S. including map skills, geographical regions and events leading up to the Civil War

Sixth Grade Social Studies

Your child will:

- study the early civilizations of the Western Hemisphere including ancient Egypt, Greece and Rome
- develop an understanding of the Middle Ages with emphasis on the Renaissance
- research modern civilizations including an in-depth study of a country
- discuss the effects of Asian cultures on the Western Hemisphere

Seventh Grade Social Studies

Your child will:

- further study the Western Hemisphere with emphasis on the geography, culture and economics of Latin America, Mexico and Canada
- develop an understanding of the basic themes of geography including use of an atlas and resources
- discuss how the environment effects cultures in the Western Hemisphere