



Kindergarten Social Studies Course Description:

- In Kindergarten, the study of the self, home, family, and classroom establishes the foundation for responsible citizenship in society.
- Students explore state and national heritage
- The concept of chronology is introduced
- Students apply geographic concepts of location and physical and human characteristics of place
- Students identify basic human needs
- Students learn the purpose of rules and the role of authority figures
- Students learn customs, symbols, and celebrations that represent American beliefs
- Students compare family customs and traditions
- Students describe examples of technology
- Students acquire information from a variety of oral and visual sources
- Students practice problem-solving, decision-making, and independent-thinking skills

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Kindergarten Year at a Glance

Grading Period	Instructional Topics	Instructional Points
1 st Grading Period: My Classroom Community	Government & Citizenship: Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The purpose of rules Important symbols, customs, and responsibilities that represent American beliefs and principles and contribute to our national identity
	Citizenship & Patriotism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Important symbols, customs, and responsibilities that represent American beliefs and principles and contribute to our national identity Similarities and differences among people
	Authoritative Figures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Important symbols, customs, and responsibilities that represent American beliefs and principles and contribute to our national identity
	History: Events in School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holidays are celebrations of special events The concept of chronology
	Geography: Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The concept of location Physical and human characteristics of place to better understand self, home, family, classroom, and the world around them
2 nd Grading Period: My Family Community	Citizenship: Voting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Important symbols, customs, and responsibilities that represent American beliefs and principles and contribute to our national identity Similarities and differences among people
	Government: Authority Figures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How historical figures helped shape the community, state, and nation The role of authority figures
	Culture: Customs & Traditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Similarities and differences among individuals The importance of family customs and traditions
	History: Holidays & Celebrations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holidays are celebrations of special events
3 rd Grading Period: My Neighborhood Community	Geography: Landforms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical and human characteristics of place to better understand self, home, family, classroom, and the world around them
	Government: Authority Figures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The role of authority figures
	History: Holidays & Celebrations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holidays are celebrations of special events
	History: Historical Figures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How historical figures, patriots, and good citizens helped shape the community, state, and nation
	Citizenship: National Symbols	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Important symbols, customs, and responsibilities that represent American beliefs and principles and contribute to our national identity
4 th Grading Period: My Changing World	Economics: Wants & Needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> That basic human needs and wants are met in many ways
	Science, Technology, and Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ways technology is used in the home and school and how technology affects people's lives
	History: Chronology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The concept of chronology
	Economics: Jobs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> That difference between human needs and wants and how they are met The value of jobs