

Social Studies Curriculum

The social studies program at the kindergarten level focuses on helping students develop awareness of themselves as growing individuals. Children's unique qualities, as well as similarities to others, are stressed. Children learn about values, ideas, customs, and traditions. In addition, children's relationships with others in the classroom and the school become sources for social studies learning. Social interaction skills are integral to the kindergarten program. Emphasis is placed on using content that is relevant and personally meaningful. A wide range of interdisciplinary activities can help children grow and develop, and gain knowledge and skills. Children also begin to learn about their role as citizens by accepting rights and responsibilities in the classroom and by learning about rules and laws.

The content area included:

Myself and Family
My School and School Community
My Neighborhood
Maps and Globes
Health and Safety
Holidays
Citizenship

Essential questions for Kindergarteners include:

Who am I? Where am I from? What is a family?

What are my responsibilities and rights as a member of the community?

What holidays and symbols are important to Americans?

How does our physical location in the world impact our lives?