







1ST GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES

Welcome to 1st Grade! This guide will help you understand what your child will learn in social studies this year and how you can support their learning at home. Throughout the year, your child will explore history, geography, civics, and economics through stories, inquiry, and hands-on activities. If you have questions, contact your child's teacher.

This year's focus: **Our American Heritage**

Your child will learn about important people, places, and ideas that have shaped our country. They'll explore how geography, character, and choices affect our lives and communities.

<p style="text-align: center;">HISTORY</p> <p>Learn about historical figures like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Benjamin Franklin• Thomas Jefferson• Lewis & Clark• Sacagawea• Theodore Roosevelt• George Washington Carver• Ruby Bridges <p>Compare life in the past and present (homes, clothes, transportation, etc.)</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">GEOGRAPHY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify where historical figures lived and how their environment influenced them• Locate their city, county, state, country, and continent on a map or globe• Recognize continents, oceans, and landforms (mountains, deserts, valleys, coasts) 
<p style="text-align: center;">CIVICS & GOVERNMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explore positive character traits shown by historical figures:• Respect, fairness, courage, perseverance, commitment• Learn about patriotism through songs like <i>America the Beautiful</i> and <i>My Country 'Tis of Thee</i> 	<p style="text-align: center;">ECONOMICS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understand the difference between goods and services• Learn that people are both producers and consumers• Explore scarcity and making choices• Know that people earn income by working and must decide how to save and spend 

HOW YOUR CHILD WILL LEARN

First graders learn through a mix of storytelling, exploration, and hands-on activities that build curiosity and understanding:

- Ask & Wonder: Pose questions like “Why is this person important?” or “What would life be like back then?”
- Investigate: Read books, look at maps, study pictures, and listen to stories about real people and places.
- Share & Explain: Draw, write, act out, or present what they’ve learned in creative ways.
- Reflect: Talk about what they discovered and how it connects to their own life.

SKILLS YOUR CHILD WILL BUILD

- Use maps and globes to find places
- Compare similarities and differences in people and events
- Organize events in order and identify cause and effect
- Use charts, timelines, and pictures to gather information
- Ask questions and draw conclusions from what they learn

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Talk about history: Share stories about your family or famous Americans
- Explore maps: Find your city, state, and country together
- Sing patriotic songs and talk about their meaning
- Read books about American history, geography, and character
- Discuss choices: Talk about saving money, making purchases, and helping others

1st Grade Social Studies helps children understand their place in the world and how people from the past and present shape our communities. With your support, your child will grow into a curious, thoughtful, and responsible citizen.



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HISTORIC, GEOGRAPHIC, POLITICAL & ECONOMIC LITERACY.