






2ND GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES

Welcome to 2nd 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 Georgia's history, geography, government, and economics through inquiry, storytelling, and hands-on learning. If you have questions, contact your child's teacher.

This year's focus: **Georgia, My State**

Your child will explore the people, places, and cultures that have shaped Georgia. They'll learn how geography, leadership, and community values influence our lives today.

<p style="text-align: center;">History</p> <p>Learn about historical figures in Georgia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• James Oglethorpe, Tomochichi, and Mary Musgrove• Sequoyah• Jackie Robinson and Martin Luther King, Jr.• Juliette Gordon Low• Jimmy Carter <p>Explore the cultures of the Muscogee (Creek) and Cherokee people</p> <p>Compare life in the past to life today in Georgia</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Geography</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify and compare Georgia's five regions: Blue Ridge, Piedmont, Coastal Plain, Ridge and Valley, Appalachian Plateau• Locate major rivers: Savannah, Flint, and Chattahoochee• Understand how people adapt to and are influenced by their environment 
<p style="text-align: center;">Civics & Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learn what government is and why we have rules and laws• Identify leaders and where they work: President, Governor, and Mayor• Recognize positive citizenship traits like honesty, patience, compassion, and good sportsmanship 	<p style="text-align: center;">Economics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understand scarcity and opportunity cost• Learn how goods and services are shared or allocated• Explore how money makes trade easier than bartering• Discuss saving vs. spending and making smart choices 

HOW YOUR CHILD WILL LEARN

Second graders learn through a mix of storytelling, exploration, and critical thinking:

1. Ask & Wonder: Pose questions like “Why did this person make a difference?” or “How does geography affect where people live?”
2. Investigate: Read books, study maps, examine artifacts, and explore timelines and charts.
3. Share & Explain: Write, draw, act out, or present what they’ve learned in creative ways.
4. Reflect: Talk about how the past connects to their own life and community.

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

- Explore Georgia: Visit local landmarks, rivers, or museums
- Talk about leaders: Discuss the roles of the mayor, governor, and president
- Read together: Choose books about Georgia’s history and geography
- Play map games: Practice finding regions, rivers, and cities
- Discuss choices: Talk about saving money, sharing, and making fair decisions

2nd Grade Social Studies helps students connect with their state’s rich history and diverse geography. With your support, your child will grow into a thoughtful, informed, and responsible citizen.



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HISTORIC, GEOGRAPHIC, POLITICAL & ECONOMIC LITERACY.