






KINDERGARTEN SOCIAL STUDIES

Welcome to Kindergarten! 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 engage with history, geography, civics, and economics through stories, songs, celebrations, and hands-on activities. If you have questions, contact your child's teacher.

This year's focus: **Foundations of America**

Your child will begin their journey as a social scientist by learning about American holidays, symbols, maps, rules, and the work people do in their communities.

<p>HISTORY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learn about national holidays and the people or events they honor: Independence Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Presidents Day, and more• Identify American symbols (flags, bald eagle, Statue of Liberty, White House)• Use time words like yesterday, today, tomorrow and past, present, future 	<p>GEOGRAPHY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understand that a map is a drawing of a place, and a globe is a model of Earth• Identify land and water on simple maps and globes• Know their street address, city, state, and country• Learn about customs and celebrations in different families and communities 
<p>CIVICS & GOVERNMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understand why we have rules and how they help us• Practice positive character traits like honesty, respect, pride, and self-control 	<p>ECONOMICS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learn about community helpers and the work people do (e.g., firefighters, teachers, doctors)• Understand that people earn income by working• Know that money is used to buy goods and services• Recognize the difference between goods and services• Understand that we must make choices because we can't have everything we want

HOW YOUR CHILD WILL LEARN

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

- Ask & Wonder: Form questions like “Why do we celebrate ...?”
- Investigate: Listen to read-alouds, examine pictures, sing songs, and use simple maps.
- Share & Explain: Draw, build, role-play, or tell stories that show what they discovered.
- Reflect: Talk about what they learned and what new questions they have.

SKILLS YOUR CHILD WILL BUILD

- Use before/after, first/next/last to talk about sequences
- Identify similarities and differences (holidays, symbols, family customs)
- Point to land and water on a classroom map or globe
- Compare goods and services in everyday life
- Practice good citizenship by helping the class make and follow rules

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Celebrate together. Point out holiday symbols (flags, fireworks, turkey) and talk about who or what we honor.
- Create family rules. Let your child help decide and decorate a simple rules chart.
- Use time words. While reading bedtime stories, ask what happened first, next, and last.
- Read books together on social studies themes and topics

Kindergarten Social Studies lays the groundwork for curious, caring citizens. By exploring holidays, symbols, maps, and community helpers, children learn about belonging, respecting others, and making thoughtful choices—skills they will build on throughout their school journey.



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