



## Unit 2 Our Community and Its Heritage

### Grade 2 Social Studies

#### Unit Description:

In this unit, students will learn about key historic events that helped shape our lives/communities as well as the significance of historical symbols. This sets the stage for the unit to follow where students will explore significant people in history and their actions.

#### Social Studies Standards:

- 2.1.1** Create simple timelines to describe important events in the history of the school or local community
- 2.1.2** Compare and contrast the present day community to that of the past using primary sources
- 2.1.6** Identify historical turning points and describe their impact on students' lives using maps, documents, visuals, and technology
- 2.1.7** Describe how early explorers and settlers, American Indian nations, and western migration influenced the development of the United States

#### Enduring Understandings- Compelling Question:

- **What events and people have shaped our community and culture?**

#### Essential Questions- Supporting Questions:

- How have key events in history impacted our lives?
  - How are key events in history associated with national symbols, landmarks, and essential documents?