

KINDERGARTEN SOCIAL STUDIES

Social Studies Practices

Social studies practices consist of the following skills, abilities, and habits of mind.

- **Historical Thinking:** Demonstration of historical thinking practices including change and continuity over time, cause and effect relationships, interpretation of primary and secondary sources, and significance of historical events and figures.
- **Geographic Literacy:** Application of spatial understanding and landscape interpretation using globes, maps, and photographs.
- **Civic Mindedness:** Understanding of civic roles, rights, and responsibilities at various levels: the individual, group, national, and global.
- **Economic Understanding:** Knowledge of economic concepts and elements of financial literacy.

Content

In kindergarten, social studies focuses on helping students learn about the world around them and what traits can be attributed to good citizenship. Learning builds on the [Early Learning Social Studies Standards](#) by helping students extend their understanding of the social structures and norms that create a community and their role as an active participant in that community.

The social studies practices are developed and assessed through study of the content as outlined below.

History-the study the past

- People lived differently in the past.
- People from history are remembered and honored for specific reasons.
- Families have their own histories.

Tools and concepts of geography

- Maps represent places.
- The globe is a model of earth.
- Physical features make places unique.
- Relative locations are described using specific terms.

Traits of good citizenship

- Rules are important in family, class, and school.
- Working together requires specific qualities.
- People work together to build strong communities.
- The Pledge of Allegiance shows respect for flag and country.

Basic economic concepts

- Humans have needs and wants and they change over time.
- People have different kinds of jobs to earn money.
- People use money by spending, saving, and sharing.

