## **K - 3 OVERVIEW OF CURRICULUM GUIDELINES**

The goal of the Social Studies Guidelines in Kindergarten, First, Second, and Third Grades is to establish a foundation of our culture in the minds of our students. There is repetition of topic areas in the four grade areas to ensure that the material is mastered by the time the students leave the Third Grade. The material is generally introduced in Kindergarten, developed in the First and Second grades, and mastered by the Third Grade.

We have also included the role of the Church as part of Self and Relationships in Kindergarten, Families in First Grade, My Community in Second Grade, and Communities in Third Grade.

Current events is an integral part of the curriculum in each grade level and should be reviewed and discussed on a regular basis, keeping in perspective the suitability of the topic for the grade level. Where possible, current events should be related to curriculum and geography.