



Course Name: Third Grade Social Studies

School Year: 2025-2026

Course Purpose and Relevance:

In Grade 3, students learn how diverse individuals have changed their communities and world. Students study the effects inspiring heroes have had on communities, past and present. Students learn about the lives of heroic men and women who made important choices, overcame obstacles, sacrificed for the betterment of others, and embarked on journeys that resulted in new ideas, new inventions, new technologies, and new communities. Students expand their knowledge through the identification and study of people who made a difference, influenced public policy and decision making, and participated in resolving issues that are important to all people. Throughout Grade 3, students develop an understanding of the economic, cultural, and scientific contributions made by individuals.

Students develop knowledge and skills in the following areas: History, Geography, Economics, Government, Culture, Science Technology and Society, and Social Studies Skills.

How to Assist Your Learner at Home:

Talk with your student about local, national, and global events, as you see appropriate. Connect those events to locations on maps, possibly including local, state, U.S., and world maps. Share your family's background, and help your child know where, on a map, his or her family originated. During family celebrations, share beliefs and ideas that are important to your family. Also, help your student recognize that not everyone has the same beliefs and culture, but others' beliefs are important to them, too. Finally, when you vote, share that with your learner! Share why you believe it is important to vote and discuss how you do it. Celebrate with your learner that they will have the right to vote when they turn 18. Help them look forward to this moment.

Link to Course TEKS on State website:

[Third Grade Social Studies TEKS](#)

2025-26 Year at a Glance

Days of Instruction	Date	3rd Science/Social Studies
3	Aug 11-15	SEL Development
5	Aug 18-22	SS Unit 1 - Citizenship & Government BB1: Characteristics & Roles of Citizens (3.9ABCD - 4 days) BB2: The Structure & Function of Government (3.7ABC, 3.8AB - 5 days)
5	Aug 25-29	
4	Sept 1-5	Sci Unit 1 - Scientific Practices, Themes, and Routines BB1: Onward We Go (3.1B, 3.2C, 3.4A, 3.4B - 5 days)
5	Sept 8-12	Sci Unit 2 - Matter and Energy BB1: Physical Properties of Matter (3.6A, 3.6B, 3.6C, 3.6D - 19 days)
5	Sept 15-19	
5	Sept 22-26	
4	Sept 29 - Oct 3	
4	Oct 6-10	Tier 2 Instruction
3	Oct 13-17	SS Unit 2 - Communities & Culture BB1: Characteristics of Communities (3.2AB - 3 days) BB2: Heroes of Our Community (3.14BC, 3.11AB, 3.12A - 5 days)
5	Oct 20-24	
5	Oct 27-31	Sci Unit 3- Force, Motion, and Energy BB1: Forces (3.7A, 3.7B - 14 days) BB2: Everyday Energy (3.8A - 5 days) BB3: Mechanical Energy and Speed (3.8A, 3.8B - 5 days)
4	Nov 3-7	
5	Nov 10-14	
5	Nov 17-21	
5	Dec 1-5	
5	Dec 8-12	Tier 2 Instruction/ MOY Prep
5	Dec 15-19	SS Unit 2 - Communities & Culture (cont'd) BB3: Cultural Celebrations (3.10AB - 5 days)
4	Jan 5-9	SS Unit 3 - Geography BB1: Map Elements (3.4ABC - 3 days) BB2: Describing Physical Environments (3.9A - 3 days) BB3: Humans Interact with Environment (3.3BC - 3 days)
5	Jan 12-16	
4	Jan 19-23	Sci Unit 4 - Earth and Space BB1: Earth's Surface and Resources (3.10B, 3.10C, 3.11A, 3.11B, 3.11C - 14 days) BB2: Weather and Space (3.9A, 3.9B, 3.10A - 14 days)
5	Jan 26-30	
5	Feb 2-6	
5	Feb 9-13	
4	Feb 16-20	
5	Feb 23-27	
5	Mar 2-6	Tier 2 Instruction
4	Mar 16-20	SS - Unit 4 Economics and Technological Innovations BB1: Understanding the US Free Enterprise System (3.5AB, 3.6ABC - 4 days) BB2: The Impacts of Scientists and their inventions (3.6D, 3.13AB - 5 days)
5	Mar 23-27	
4	Mar 30 - Apr 3	Sci Unit 5 - Organisms and Environments BB1: Growth and Behavior (3.12A - 4 days) BB2: Energy Flow and Ecosystems (3.12B, 3.12C, 3.12D - 14 days) BB3: Structures, Functions, and Life Cycles (3.13A, 3.13B - 9 days)
5	Apr 6-10	
4	Apr 13-17	
5	Apr 20-24	
4	Apr 27 - May 1	
5	May 4-8	
5	May 11-15	Tier 2 Instruction/EOY Prep
4	May 18-21	

**Science and Social Studies alternate instructional units.*