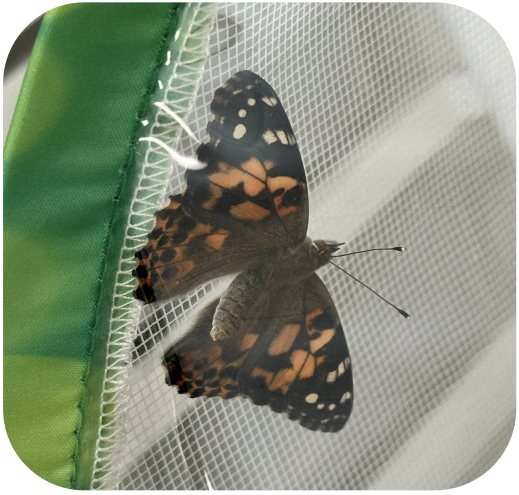


Kindergarten Science/ Social Studies

Exploring Our World — Big & Small



Your child will dive into how we use maps, talk about where we live, and how we relate to places both near and far. In social studies, young learners begin to understand their own community and the wider world. In science, they'll explore and observe the world around them — looking at what's living, what's non-living, and patterns in nature and weather.

People, Stories & Traditions

In social studies, kindergarteners are encouraged to share their own stories (past, present) and to explore how families, cultures, and traditions shape communities. They'll learn to use pictures, stories, and symbols to reflect on their heritage and the world around them.



Wondering, Questioning & Investigating

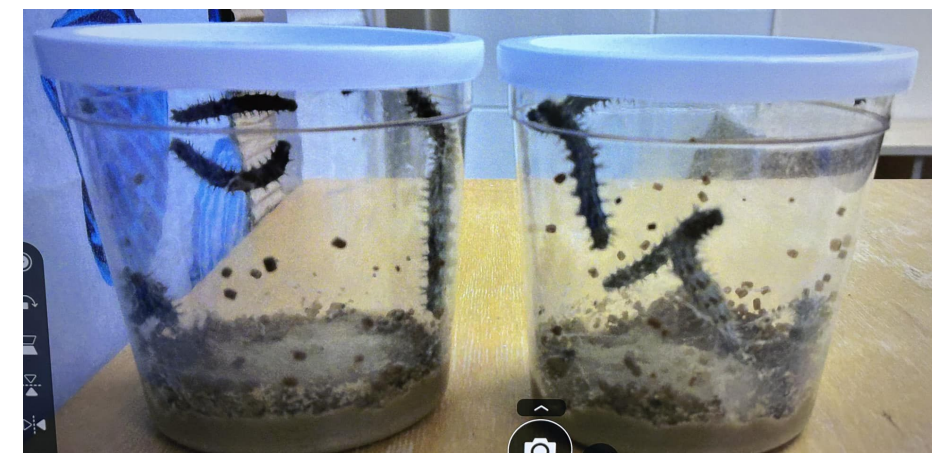
In science, kindergarteners begin to think like scientists: observing, asking questions, gathering information, and making sense of the natural world (for example: living vs non-living, weather changes, plants/animals). They'll practice using tools and describing what they notice.

Understanding Change, Patterns & Responsibility

Children will explore how things change over time in social studies (how they, their family or community change) and in science (seasons, weather, growth of living things). They'll also begin to understand that their actions matter — how people in a community have roles and responsibilities.

Bringing It Home — Family, Community & Nature

Kindergartners will connect what they're learning back to their own lives: their family, their home, their community, and the natural world they live in. For social studies, this means looking at what makes a community, how people work together, and symbols that represent us. In science, they'll explore how living things and the environment interact, how weather and seasons affect our lives, and how we depend on the natural world.



First Grade Science/Social Studies

Discovering How the Sun Powers Our World

Students explore how the Sun gives energy to everything on Earth. They notice how sunlight warms the land, air, and water — and how these changes create weather patterns. They observe, wonder, and record data just like scientists do.



Exploring Motion and Materials

Students experiment, test, and observe how things move and change. They compare textures, colors, and flexibility, and explore how heating and cooling affect materials. Curiosity and hands-on discovery help them build early problem-solving and reasoning skills.

Understanding Living Things and Their Needs

Students learn what living things need to grow and survive. They explore how plants, animals, and people depend on their environment — and how everything in nature is connected.

Exploring Families, Communities, and the World Around Us

Students connect the past and present as they learn about families and communities. They discover how people live, work, and celebrate — comparing life now and long ago, near and far. They begin using maps and thinking about how culture shapes who we are.



Working Together as Responsible Citizens

Students learn what it means to be part of a caring community. They explore rules, responsibilities, and leadership — discovering how people work together to make schools and neighborhoods safe, fair, and kind.

Meeting Needs and Wants

Students discover how people earn, spend, and share. They learn the difference between needs and wants, explore how goods and services are made, and see how people make choices about spending, trading, and helping one another.

Second Grade Social Studies

The Big Idea: People Working Together

Second graders become history and culture explorers, discovering how work has changed from the past to today! Through stories, artifacts, and cultures around the world, they celebrate learning about people, jobs, and their own role as active citizen!

Shaping Our World: Exploring Changing Landscapes

Second graders become landscape explorers, discovering how landforms, weather, and people shape the world around them! They use maps and observations to see how places change over time, sparking curiosity about nature and human impact.

Celebrating Cultures: Exploring Our Global Community

Second graders become culture explorers, discovering how people around the world live, work, and celebrate! They compare communities, uncover shared traditions, and gain appreciation for diverse ways of life - sparking curiosity and a sense of global connection.

Technology & Change: Then and Now

Second graders become innovation explorers, discovering how people create new ideas and tools to solve problems! They study inventions, tackle challenges, and design their own solutions - learning that curiosity and creativity can make anyone an innovator!

Becoming Little Economists!

Second graders become community and money explorers, discovering how people use resources, earn, spend, and save! They see how smart choices help communities thrive, making learning about economics fun and meaningful.



Third Grade Social Studies

Citizenship, Rights & Responsibilities

Students learn what it means to be a responsible, active citizen. They explore rules, laws, government roles, and how individuals can make their community better. Leadership, respect, and decision-making shine in 3rd grade!



Maps, Globes & Geography Skills Grow!

Third graders become confident geographers—reading maps, using cardinal directions, interpreting symbols, and comparing landforms and regions. They learn how geography affects how people live, work, and play.

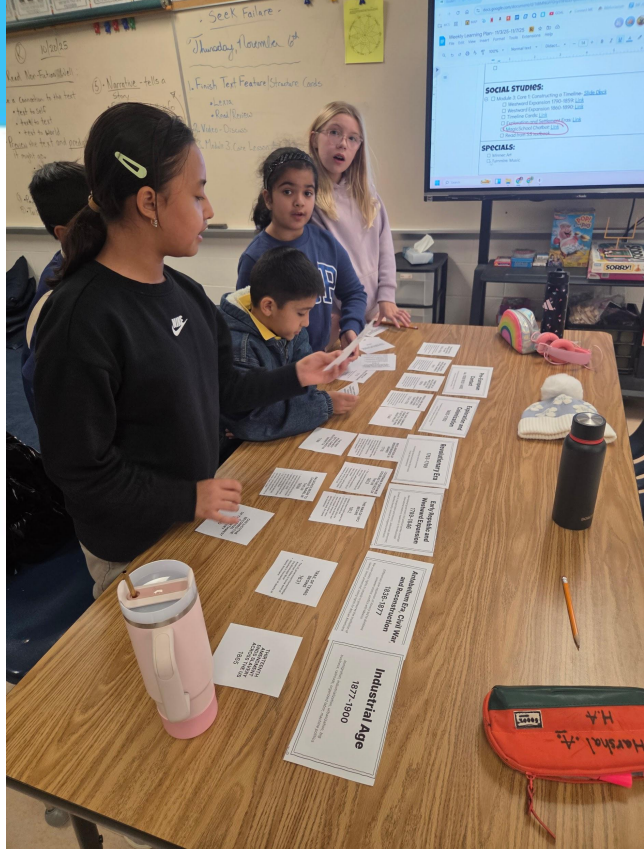
Communities: Past, Present & Future

Students discover how communities change over time—learning about local history, timelines, and how people, events, and inventions shape the places we live. They explore their own community's story and imagine its future!

Cultures & Traditions Build Understanding

Third graders celebrate what makes communities special! They explore cultural practices, celebrations, and diversity—building empathy and appreciation for the many ways families and communities contribute to society.

4th Grade Social Studies



Exploring Ohio's Place in the Nation

Students learn how Ohio became a state, how its people and communities developed, and how it fits into the broader story of the United States.

Geography, Maps & Regions in Action

Kids dig into how geography shapes lives: using maps and other tools to locate places, understanding regions, landscapes, and how location affects culture, economy, and community.

How Communities & Governments Work

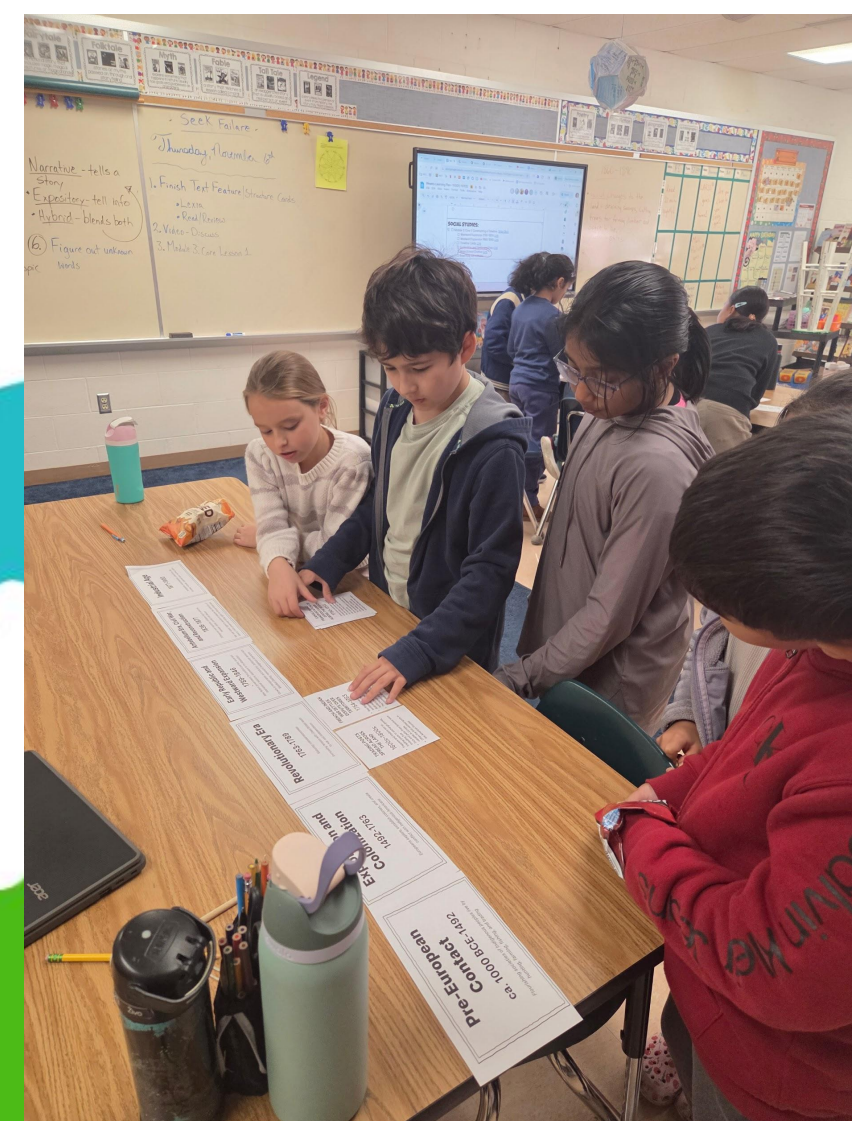
Students will explore how local and state governments are organized, what rights and responsibilities citizens have, and how decisions made by people shape community life.

Economics at Work in Everyday Life

Your child will learn about goods and services, how individuals and communities make choices with limited resources, and how trade, production, and jobs impact daily life.

Connecting Past, Present & Future

Fourth-graders will make connections between history and today—how past events influence current life and how people's choices now shape the future. They'll reflect on how communities evolve.



Fifth Grade Social Studies

Unlocking the Power of Inquiry and Evidence!

Forget memorizing dates! Our curriculum emphasizes inquiry practices, turning students into historians and social scientists! This means students will: generate their own compelling questions, analyze primary and secondary sources, and develop evidence-based claims and communicate their conclusions.



America's Beginnings: Native Peoples of the US

This year starts with an incredible cultural exploration! Students will dive deep into the diverse **American Indian civilizations** across the Western Hemisphere — North and South America—investigating their unique governments, societies, and ways of life.



A World Transformed: The Impact of Exploration!

Students explore the **Age of Exploration** and **European Colonization**, critically examining the long-term effects of this monumental meeting of three worlds (Native Americans, Europeans, and Africans) on the western hemisphere's culture, geography, and economy.

Exploring & Protecting America's Greatest Gifts!

Each **region of the United States is unique**; together, they provide people with the different resources they need to survive. Students explore the rich natural resources across the US, how people use them, and the ways everyone can help sustain them.

Mastering Government: Rights and Responsibilities!

We're training future leaders! Students will explore the core concepts of American government and citizenship, including: **rights and responsibilities** of citizens, the **principles of democracy** and the **role of the citizens in government**.

Sixth Grade Social Studies

Journey Across the Eastern Hemisphere!

Get ready to travel across Africa, Asia, Australia, and Europe! Discover the incredible geography, cultures, and economies that shape the Eastern Hemisphere and see how the past connects to our world today.



Step Into the Ancient World!

Unearth the wonders of early civilizations — from Egypt's pyramids to China's dynasties! Explore how ancient governments, religions, and inventions laid the foundations for the modern world.

Map Your Way Through Discovery!

Use the tools of a true geographer! Learn to read maps, find exact locations, and uncover how people and environments shape each other across continents and climates.



Lead, Think, and Speak Up!

Dive into the world of government and citizenship! Compare different systems of leadership, think critically about evidence, and practice sharing your ideas with confidence and respect.

Be a Global Thinker!

Explore how people make choices, trade goods, and balance needs and wants around the globe.

7th & 8th Grade History

Middle School History Overview

In 7th and 8th Grade Social Studies, students explore how past events and ideas have shaped the world we live in today. Middle school history courses are designed to incorporate four strands from Ohio's Learning Standards: History, Geography, Government and Economics. 7th grade World History introduces students to World Studies from 750 B.C. to 1600 A.D. 8th grade American History approaches U.S. Studies from Colonization through Reconstruction. Throughout both years, students build historical thinking skills and practice the Portrait of a Comet traits of critical thinking, communication, empathy, adaptability, and integrity.

7th Grade Course Content Overview

The 7th Grade World History course explores the trajectory of human civilization from classical times to the cusp of the modern world in the First Global Age. Spanning units on Ancient Greece and Ancient Rome, the Middle Ages in Europe, and the simultaneous developments in Asia and Africa, the curriculum emphasizes understanding how the past shapes the present and how the legacies of these civilizations impact our lives now. Students will analyze key historical events, patterns, norms, and values using fundamental historical thinking skills to become informed, empathetic, and global citizens.

8th Grade Course Content Overview

The 8th Grade American History course guides students through the nation's early story—from the Colonization of North America and the growth of self-government to the ideas and conflicts that sparked the American Revolution. Students examine the struggles of building a new nation, from the failed Articles of Confederation to the lasting framework of the U.S. Constitution. The course then moves through the early presidencies, westward expansion, and the rise of industry—showing how innovation, leadership, and growing divisions shaped America's development. The year concludes with a study of the Civil War and Reconstruction. Throughout the course, students apply historical thinking skills—analyzing evidence, interpreting perspectives, and making connections across time—while embodying the Portrait of a Comet traits.

Middle School History Skill Development

- **Analyzing Evidence (Critical Thinking):** Examine primary and secondary sources to understand what happened and why.
- **Interpreting Perspectives (Empathy & Communication):** Consider multiple viewpoints, including those of people from different times, cultures, and backgrounds.
- **Identifying Cause and Effect (Critical Thinking & Adaptability):** Understand how events are connected and how decisions shape outcomes.
- **Making Connections (Adaptability & Critical Thinking):** Link past events to present-day issues and other historical contexts.
- **Forming Evidence-Based Conclusions (Integrity & Communication):** Support ideas and arguments using facts and historical sources.
- **Defending Historical Claims (Critical Thinking, Communication & Integrity):** Present and defend interpretations of history clearly, citing evidence and respectfully addressing different perspectives.

