

Our First Grade Social Studies Curriculum

These are the expectations for a student by the end of first grade

Unit of Study- Community

- ***Communities:***

  A neighborhood is place where people live, work, and play.

  Neighborhoods can be alike and different.

  A neighborhood is a part of a community.

  Cities, towns and farms are kinds of communities.

- ***Work:***

  Children do jobs at home and school.

  Families have needs and wants.

  People who earn money must make choices about spending and saving.

  People all over the world spend and save money.

  Workers provide goods and services.

  Volunteers show they care by helping people in their community.

Unit of Study- Government

- ***Constitution Day:***

  On national holidays we honor important people, events, and history.

- ***Rules and Laws:***

  People must obey the laws of a community.

  A typical school day includes routines such as the Pledge.

  People such as teachers and principals help us understand the rules.

  It's important to know the rules at school and at home and follow them.

- ***Voting:***

  Citizens of our country vote to choose leaders and the leaders make our laws.

Unit of Study- Map Skills

- ***Using Map Tools & Reading a Map:***

  A map key tells what the symbols used on a map stand for.

  A map includes cardinal directions.

- ***Physical Characteristics of Area:***

  The Earth has different kinds of land and water (mountains, hills, plains). Water includes oceans, lakes, and rivers.

  A globe is a round model of the Earth. Like the map, it shows land forms and bodies of water.

Unit of Study- Beginning US & PA History

- ***US History:***

  Begin learning about Native Americans and early explorers/ settlers.

  Political holidays are used as a spring board for further learning and discussion. We recognize and honor important people and events.

- ***PA Symbols***