



Social Studies Curriculum – First Grade

Capital's social studies curriculum is aligned with state and national standards and addresses concepts in civics, economics, geography, and history. Students use tools such as maps, globes, timelines, charts and other geo-graphics to learn about various times and places in our world. Studying both primary and secondary resources such as artifacts, diaries, photographs, and newspaper accounts enables students to research topics, understand a variety of cultures and peoples, and analyze the causes and effects of events from the past to the present.

This year, your child will be focusing on the units listed below. The essential questions listed for each unit provide an overview of the main concepts that will be addressed in these units.

Unit: Citizenship

1. What are responsibilities, rights, and privileges?
2. Why are our responsibilities as citizens important?
3. How can you show respect for the rights of others?
4. Why do we have elections to choose leaders?
5. How do leaders help people?

Unit: Our Changing World

1. How are the lives of people today the same or different than they were long ago?
2. How do communities change over time?
3. How do cultural similarities or differences impact where people live?
4. How do people use and save resources? How has this changed over time?
5. To what extent do differences in climate and landforms affect how and where people live?
6. How can we use maps, globes, and other geographic tools to help us understand and describe our world?

Unit: We Love Our Country

1. How can artifacts, documents, and other historical materials help us understand the significant events in America's past?
2. How does the order of significant events help us better understand what happened?
3. What important people and events led to freedom for America?
4. Why are the symbols of our country important?

Unit: People in the Marketplace

1. Why are goods and services important?
2. How do people trade goods and services?
3. Why do people and communities buy and sell goods and services?
4. Why do scarce resources cause people to make choices?

For more information about your child's Social Studies curriculum, please contact your child's teacher or call the Curriculum Office at 672-1951.