



Third Grade Instructional Plan for Social Studies: First Semester

Welcome to 3rd Grade Social Studies!

This year, students will explore the world around them—starting with their local community and expanding outward to learn about Texas and the United States. Through engaging lessons in geography, history, civics, and economics, students will develop a strong foundation for understanding how people, places, and government work together.

Get ready to see how the past shapes the present—and how each of us can make a difference in our community!

What to Expect

- Learn about Midland, TX, including its geography, history, and culture.
- Explore the geography, history, and government of Texas
- Discover the basics of the United States—its geography, history, and government
- Understand key concepts like community, citizenship, and the roles of citizens
- Study the main areas of history, geography, civics, and economics

First Semester: Community, Government & Citizens, & History

Learn how local, state, and national governments function

Our Goal

To build a meaningful understanding of the world—starting with our community and expanding to our state and nation—so students can see how people, places, and government are all connected.

Classroom Expectations

Our classroom is a respectful, safe learning space where every student is encouraged to work hard, grow, and support one another. We follow four key rules:

1. Be Respectful - Listen, raise your hand, and wait for your turn
2. Be Responsible - Come prepared and complete your work
3. Be Safe - Keep your hands and feet to yourself; always walk indoors
4. Be Ready to Learn - Arrive on time and give your best effort

When needed, students will be supported through:

- Reteaching and reminders
- Redirection
- Parent communication
- Office referral (only when necessary)



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17 Attendance Reminder

Regular attendance is essential to student success. If your child will be absent, please notify the school. Frequent absences can make it difficult for students to keep up with meaningful learning.

Course Resources

- Chromebook (provided by Midland ISD)
- Studies Weekly curriculum

Grading Policy

Student learning will be assessed through a variety of assignments aligned with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS):

- Minor Assignments: Graded within 3-5 school days
- Major Projects: Final grade within 10 school days, with progress grades provided at each step

Class Communication

We use ClassDojo to share updates, classroom news, and celebrations. Please join our class to stay connected and informed!

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We're excited to partner with you for a fantastic year of learning and growth!