Department: History
Course Name: Second Grade Social Studies

Course Description:
The second grade Social Studies curriculum begins with a study of groups: communities, cities, suburbs, and rural areas. Geography skills are built upon with a study of maps and globe reading skills. A study of economics and graphing skills are taught with emphasis on needs/wants, work, goods/services, money, field/market, and trade among nations. Immigration and the cultures of other countries are also introduced at this time. The first Americans are explored with an emphasis on Jamestown/Plymouth, new colonies, past heroes, and communication changes. The areas of our democratic government are also taught with importance placed on citizenship skills, laws, and leadership. State capitals are also identified.

Content:
Characteristics of different types of communities
Understanding of simple economics and how it affects people
Learn about the way people in communities use resources
Explore the oldest U.S. communities of the Native Americans
Learn the history of first American explorers and the communities they established
Gain an understanding of the process of immigration to the United States
Be aware of current events in our nation and world
Gain an understanding of democratic government

Skills:
Identify the rights and responsibilities of citizens
Differentiate between rural, suburban, and urban communities
Identify and graph simple economic laws
Demonstrate simple map and globe reading skills
Compare and contrast first American Colonies-Jamestown/Plymouth
Identify the meaning of hero and name those from America's past
Identify developments in communication through time
Identify the capital of all 50 states

Text and Materials:
Social Studies Level 2: Neighborhoods, Houghton Mifflin
Social Studies: Communities Practice Book, Houghton Mifflin
Scholastic News Magazine
Videos
Reading A to Z

Methods of Instruction:
Whole group
Notebook activities
Reading groups
Pair-Share activities
Board games
iPad apps

Methods of Evaluation:
Practice book exercises
Lesson Quizzes
Vocab Quizzes
Chapter tests
Individual and group projects

Technology Platforms/Software:

Epic Reading
Seesaw
FlipGrid
Accelerated Reader
NearPod