

Department: History

Course Name: First Grade Social Studies

Course Description:

The first grade social studies curriculum is designed to develop a commitment to civic values by being a caring and informed citizen. Students develop concepts and generalizations as they learn about their neighborhood and community, as well as extend their knowledge of others throughout the world. The students will also explore characteristics of local government, therefore, expanding their understanding of justice, authority, and responsibility. The social studies curriculum is integrated into the reading program.

Content:

History

Geography

Civics and Government

Economics

Skills:

Provide experiences for the study of how people create and change structure of power, authority, and government, both independently and collaboratively

Develop map skills using geographical tools, and apply these skills to the real world

Develop an understanding of the physical and cultural features of places and their natural settings

Increase understanding of people, places, and environments, and use this knowledge to make personal connections

Apply the traits of a good citizen and develop American patriotism

Build trust with peers, resolve conflicts, and provide support of others

Demonstrate knowledge of how people organize for production, distribution, and consumption of goods and services

Make connections to American leaders and their contributions to our country

Texts and Materials:

Social Studies (McGraw-Hill, 2005) Level 1

Maps

Videos

Reading A-Z, Learning A-Z Company

Picture Books

iPad/Apps

Scholastic News

BrainPOP Jr.

Raz Kids

Seesaw

Methods of Instruction:

Individual, partner, small group, whole group instruction

Teacher directed/self-directed

Technology

Collaborative projects/integrated projects

Discussions

Methods of Evaluations:

Individual assessment

Projects

Oral responses

Discussions

Rubrics

Tests

