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.
Zoom
Nearpod
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