

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

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 regions of the United States

Text and Materials:

Social Studies Level 2: Neighborhoods, Houghton Mifflin

Social Studies: Communities Practice Book, Houghton Mifflin

Videos

Reading A to Z

Methods of Instruction:

Whole group

Notebook activities

Reading groups

Pair-Share activities

Board games and puzzles

iPad apps

Methods of Evaluation:

Practice book exercises

Lesson Quizzes
Vocab Quizzes
Chapter tests
Individual and group projects

Technology Platforms/Software:

Epic Reading
Seesaw

