Department: History
Course Name: Third Grade Social Studies

Course Description:
The third grade studies ancient civilizations. It focuses on the civilizations of Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece, and Rome. In order to understand the geographical location of each civilization the students begin the year identifying the seven continents and five oceans on a map. The students learn what all civilizations need to survive and examine the government structure, economy, daily life, written languages, and inventions of each civilization. As each civilization is studied, students will learn the chronological order of the civilizations and how they were interconnected. The students will investigate to find components of our present day civilizations founded in each of these ancient civilizations. Throughout the third grade year students are taught proper note-taking skills, study skills and organizational strategies. In addition, students practice answering content questions in complete sentences and paragraphs to relay knowledge of a topic.

Content:
Map Skills
Seven Continents and Five Oceans
Ancient Mesopotamia
Ancient Egypt
Ancient Rome
Ancient Greece

Skills:
Practice note-taking skills and organization
Develop study skills and strategies
Locate the seven continents and five oceans on a map
Locate Ancient Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece, and Rome on a world map
Identify lines of longitude and latitude
Use the equator and prime meridian to identify the Northern, Southern, Eastern, and Western Hemispheres as well as the North and South Poles
Understand how the ancient peoples adapted to or changed their environment for survival.
Identify the natural and human resources of the ancient civilizations and how they were used
Explore Ancient Civilizations in a historical context
Explain how the contributions of Ancient Greece, Rome, Egypt, and Mesopotamia have influenced present day government, economics, recreation, daily life, and architecture
Locate details and facts in an expository text
Effectively communicate knowledge both orally and in written form

Texts and Materials:
100 Facts Ancient Egypt (Miles Kelly)
100 Facts Ancient Rome (Miles Kelly)
100 Facts Ancient Greece (Miles Kelly)
Ancient Civilizations History Pockets (Evan Moor)
Ancient Egypt History Pockets (Evan Moor)
Ancient Rome History Pockets (Evan Moor)
Ancient Greece History Pockets (Evan Moor)
Ancient Mesopotamia (Kids Discover)

A-Z Reading website

Methods of Instruction:
Direct whole class instruction
Comprehension sheets
Interactive notebooks
iPad
Group discussions
Video presentations
Independent reading
Small group reading
Partner work
Small group digital creations
Seesaw app
IXL app
Readworks website

Methods of Evaluation:
Group projects
Oral presentations
Teacher made tests and quizzes
On-demand writing
Independent projects
Digital books
Seesaw app activities