

# Social Studies - Kindergarten

## Content Overview:

Social Studies in grades Kindergarten through 8th grade is focused around a central theme for each grade. *A Child's Place in Time and Space* is the theme Kindergarteners will further explore throughout the school year. During Kindergarten students begin to form ideas and concepts beyond their immediate community. They begin to learn about themselves as a responsible citizen and form an understanding of their role within the community. The skills and concepts taught in Kindergarten are through interdisciplinary units using authentic literature and informational texts.

## Text Books:

Variety of authentic literature and informational texts

## Assessments:

Classroom reading, discussions, activities and projects

## Standards/Learning Goals

Ohio's Learning Standards in Social Studies consist of 4 strands: History, Geography, Government, and Economics. The content statements listed below state what students should learn and understand in each strand.

### History

- Historical Thinking and Skills
  - Time can be measured.
  - Personal history can be shared through stories and pictures.
- Heritage
  - Heritage is reflected through the arts, customs, traditions, family celebrations and language.
  - Nations are represented by symbols and practices. Symbols and practices of the United States include the American flag, Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem.

### Geography

- Spatial Thinking and Skills

- Terms related to direction and distance, as well as symbols and landmarks, can be used to talk about the relative location of familiar places.
- Models and maps represent places.
- Human Systems
  - Humans depend on and impact the physical environment in order to supply food, clothing and shelter.
  - Individuals are unique but share common characteristics of multiple groups.

## Government

- Civic Participation and Skills
  - Individuals have shared responsibilities toward the achievement of common goals in homes, schools and communities.
- Rules and Laws
  - The purpose of rules and authority figures is to provide order, security and safety in the home, school and community.

## Economics

- Scarcity
  - People have many wants and make decisions to satisfy those wants. These decisions impact others.
- Production and Consumption
  - Goods are objects that can satisfy people's wants. Services are actions that can satisfy people's wants.