Kindergarten Social Studies

The students will take a close look at the importance of building a community and the importance of establishing rules in their community. They will identify community leaders and learn about their roles in the community. They will learn about their place in the world geographically with a particular focus on local geography. They will begin to understand fundamental economic principles as they apply to life in their community. They will explore celebrations and holidays of their own community and family and those in the wider world. They will learn about important historical and present day leaders and how they have influenced our country and community. The students will be encouraged to act as leaders themselves.

Major Units of Study:

- Unit I: Community Building, Civics and National Symbols
- Unit II: Holidays and Family Traditions/Economics
- Unit III: Connections to History/US Government/Geography and World Cultures

Grade 1 Social Studies

This social studies course will give students an introductory look into many facets that help to shape a community such as individual and group responsibility and contribution, geography, and economics. Students who have a firm grasp of the role of individuals in community and how communities function can make informed decisions regarding their own behavior and how their actions impact the community.

Major Units of Study:

- Unit I: Community Building and Civics
- Unit II: Geography and Culture
- Unit III: US Historical Figures and Landmarks
Grade 2 Social Studies

The social studies course will help students gain an understanding of the elements that help to shape a community. Citizenship, geography, and economics will be investigated to demonstrate how communities develop and change over time. Students will learn how citizens can impact a community and how the community can impact individual lives.

Major Units of Study:

Unit I: Community and Citizenship
Unit II: Geography
Unit III: Economics
Unit IV: History, Historical Figures and Landmarks

Grade 3 Social Studies

This social studies course will broaden student’s awareness of the local and global communities in which they live. They learn the basics of geography in order to locate communities and community features on maps. They will begin to understand how and why changes happen in a community. They will learn about their local community of Wayne. They will be introduced to the term public service and investigate the roles of these services. They will explore the idea of how they can have active roles and responsibilities within their community. They begin to understand how their role can help to make change. They will learn about different cultures and traditions.

Major Units of Study:

Unit I: Participating in Our Community
Unit II: Community Government and Economics
Unit III: Wayne Over Time

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**Grade 4 Social Studies**

This Social Studies course will give students a firm grasp of the world around them; the understanding of how social scientist study our world; the patterns of human development in the United States, the interactions of people and places that helped shaped the United States and specifically Pennsylvania; the understanding of the importance of the regions of the United States with a focus on the Northeast Region; the understanding of how the branches of the government work and that good citizens make informed decision to improve their community, state, country and world.

Major Units of Study:

Unit I: Social Scientist  
Unit II: Peopling of the United States  
Unit III: Geography  
Unit IV: Regions of the United States  
Unit V: Pennsylvania

**Grade 5 Social Studies**

In Grade 5, students learn about citizenship by investigating significant periods of United States history from its foundation to the present. Historical content includes American ideals and the Revolutionary War; establishment of the United States government; the Civil War; and an overview of major events and significant individuals of the 20th century and today. Students will identify the roots of representative government in this nation as well as the important ideas in the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution; examine fundamental rights guaranteed in the Bill of Rights; examine the importance of effective leadership in a democratic society, and use critical-thinking skills. Students will analyze primary sources and make connections between history and their lives today.

Major Units of Study:

Unit I: The American Revolution  
Unit II: Civics and Government  
Unit III: The Civil War  
Unit IV: 20th Century and Today

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