Kindergarten Social Studies

Curriculum Guide

Dunmore School District

Dunmore, PA



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Prerequisite:

Not applicable

Course Description:

Kindergarten Social Studies curriculum is designed to address state and national Social Studies standards. The curriculum prepares students to matriculate to First grade for future study across the four strands of Social Studies. Students will explore their relationship to culture and their community. Students will also develop the base knowledge of history, geography, economics, and other areas of social sciences in preparation for advanced study at the secondary level.

Special Education:

After a student has been evaluated and found to be eligible for specially designed instruction under one of the 13 disability categories, an individualized education plan will be developed to help the student succeed through a more intense intervention program. Special Education is the practice of educating students in a way that addresses their individual differences and needs. The purpose of special education is to provide equal access to education for children ages birth through 21 by providing specialized services that will lead to school success in general education. Our goal for each student is for him/her to be educated in his/her least restrictive environment with additional supports by way of specially designed instruction. After all interventions in the general education setting have been exhausted and the student is still not making progress, students can receive direct instruction in a special education classroom. Direct instruction provides more intense intervention and replacement instruction in order to minimize skill deficits. In our special education classrooms, students will have access to the standards-based general education curriculum, as well as using various research-based intervention programs. Resources and activities will be adjusted based on individual student needs. Suggested time found within the curriculum will be adjusted as needed per individual student's needs.

Special Education Strategies can be located in the IEP Enhancements table located in Appendix: A at the end of this document.

Year-at-a-glance

1st Quarter

Topic	Resources	Standards
Who We Are	Social Studies: Here We Go	5.1.K.A, 5.1.K.B, 5.1.K.C, 5.1.K.E 5.2.K.A, 5.2.K.B, 5.2.K.D, 5.3.K.B, 5.3.K.F
Communities	Social Studies: Here We Go	5.1.K.A, 5.1.K.B, 5.2.K.A, 5.2.K.B, 5.3.K.B, 5.3.K.C, 7.1.K.A, 7.1.K.B, 7.2.K.A, 7.4.K.A, 8.3.K.A

2nd Quarter

Topic	Resources	Standards
Work	Social Studies: Here We Go	6.1.K.B, 6.1.K.C, 6.1.K.D, 6.2.K.A, 6.2.K.D, 6.3.K.D, 6.4.K.A, 6.5.K.C

3rd Quarter

Topic	Resources	Standards
The Earth	Social Studies: Here We Go	7.1.K.A, 7.2.K.B, 7.3.K.A, 7.4.K.A

4th Quarter

Topic	Resources	Standards
The United States of American	Social Studies: Here We Go	8.1.K.A, 8.2.K.A, 8.3.K.A, 8.3.K.B,
		8.3.K.C, 8.4.K.A

General Topic	Essential Knowledge, Skills & Vocabulary	Resources & Activities	Assessments	Suggested Time (In Days)
Who We Are	Children will identify a family unit and	Social Studies: Here We Go	Socratic method of	Ongoing,
	members of the family.		exploration	Quarter 1
		Worksheets		
	Children will learn that a home is a safe		Teacher observation	
	place to live and to feel safe and secure.	Vocabulary posters		
			Questions and answers	
	Children will learn that family members			
	get along by sharing, helping, being		Written response	
	responsible, and caring for each other.			
	Children will identify the need for rules			
	in school			
	Children will use problem-solving			
	strategies to identify ways to work			
	cooperatively.			
	Children will identify school personnel			
	and describe their roles and			
	responsibilities.			
	Vocabulary:			
	Family			
	House			
City				
	Country			
	Cooperate			
	Work			
	Play			
	Teacher			

Principal		

PA Academic Standards: Civics and Government

- 5.1.K.A Explain the purpose of rules.
- 5.1.K.B Explain the need for rules.
- 5.1.K.C Define respect for self and others.
- 5.1.K.E Demonstrate responsibilities in the classroom.
- 5.2.K.A Identify responsibilities at school.
- 5.2.K.B Identify a problem and discuss possible solutions.
- 5.2.K.D Explain responsible classroom behavior.

PA Academic Standards: Economics

6.4.K.A Identify the specialized role performed by each member of the family.

General Topic	Essential Knowledge, Skills & Vocabulary	Resources & Activities	Assessments	Suggested Time (In Days)
General Topic Communities	Children will learn the meaning of neighborhood and explore the things found in a neighborhood. Children will learn what is shown on a neighborhood map. Children will learn that rules help keep them safe at home, at school, and in the community. Children will learn about community helpers and the services they provide to a community. Children will explore three types of communities-the city, the suburbs, and the country. Children will explore the ways in which different communities celebrate special days and events. Vocabulary: Neighborhood Community	Resources & Activities Social Studies: Here We Go Worksheets Vocabulary Posters Maps	Assessments Socratic method of exploration Teacher of observation Questions and Answers Written responses	
	Citizen Rules Cooperate Compromise Police Firefighter			

City		
Country		
Suburb		
Farm		
Celebrate		

PA Academic Standards: Civics and Government

- 5.1.K.A Explain the purpose of rules.
- 5.1.K.B Explain the need for rules.
- 5.2.K.A Identify responsibilities at school.
- 5.2.K.B Identify a problem and discuss possible solutions.
- 5.3.K.B Identify the role of adults in authority at home or in school.
- 5.3.K.C Identify roles of fire fighters, police officers, and emergency workers.

PA Academic Standards: Geography

- 7.1.K.A Interpret a simple map of a known environment.
- 7.1.K.B Describe the location of places in the home, school, and community to gain an understanding of relative location.
- 7.2.K.A Describe the characteristics of homes and businesses located in the community to gain an understanding of physical features.
- 7.2.K.B Identify land and water forms.
- 7.4.K.A Identify local bodies of water and landforms to gain an understanding of their impact on the local community.

General Topic	Essential Knowledge, Skills & Vocabulary	Resources & Activities	Assessments	Suggested Time (In Days)
Work Children will exploand at school and at school is to learn job at school is to learn jobs they might so they might so they might so they working they worki	Children will explore their jobs at home and at school and realize that their main job at school is to learn. Children will learn about some of the jobs they might someday have. Children will learn that people earn money by working. Children will learn that people spend money by trading it for goods. Children will learn that people make choices as to how they spend their money.	Social Studies: Here We Go Worksheets Vocabulary Worksheets	Socratic method of exploration Teacher observation Questions and answers Written response	
	Children will learn the meaning of needs and wants and contrast needs and wants.			
	Children will further explore the basic need of food.			
	Children will further explore the basic need of clothing.			
	Children will further explore the basic need of shelter.			
	Children will examine the steps in a process to see how some goods are			

made.		
Vocabulary:		
Job		
Work		
Spend		
Shop		
Goods		
Services		
Choices		
Save		
Needs		
Wants		
Food		
Clothing		
Shelter		
Transportation		

PA Academic Standards: Economics

- 6.1.K.B Identify family wants and needs.
- 6.1.K.C Identify choices to meet needs
- 6.1.K.D Identify a choice based on family interest.
- 6.2.K.A Identify goods and consumers.
- 6.2.K.D Identify currency and how it is used.
- 6.3.K.D Identify products produced in the region or state.
- 6.4.K.A Identify the specialized role performed by each member of the family.
- 6.5.K.C Identify goods and services provided by local businesses

General Topic	Essential Knowledge, Skills & Vocabulary	Resources & Activities	Assessments	Suggested Time (In Days)
Earth	_	Social Studies: Here We Go Worksheets Vocabulary Posters Maps	Socratic method of exploration Teacher observation Questions and answers Written response	
	learn what the world looks like from above and that there are many countries.			

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Children will explore the globe as a model of Earth which is round and has bodies of land and water.		
Children will learn about some of Earth's		
resources and ways in which people can help conserve resources.		
Vocabulary:		
Weather		
Fall		
Winter		
Spring		
Summer		
Forest		
Plains		
Mountains		
Valley		
Peaks		
Ocean		
Atlantic		
Pacific		
Мар		
Мар Кеу		
Country		
United States		
World		
Continents		
Globe		
Recycle		
Conserve		
Resources		

PA Academic Standards: Geography

- 7.1.K.A Interpret a simple map of a known environment.
- 7.2.K.B Identify land and water forms.
- 7.3.K.A Describe how weather affects daily life.
- 7.4.K.A Identify local bodies of water and landforms to gain an understanding of their impact on the local community.

General Topic	Essential Knowledge, Skills & Vocabulary	Resources & Activities	Assessments	Suggested Time (In Days)
The United States of America	Children will learn about some symbols that are important to the United States. Children will learn that the first people to live in the Americas were the Native Americans. They will learn that Native Americans depended on natural resources to meet their needs. Children will learn about explorers who journeyed to the Americas. Children will learn about some of the ways in which Thanksgiving has changed over time. Children will learn about some of the holidays and people that Americans celebrate and honor. Children will learn how travel has changed over time by examining covered wagons, trains, cars, and helicopters. Children will understand the role scientists and inventors have played in the United States.	Social Studies: Here We Go Worksheets Vocabulary Posters Maps	Socratic method of exploration Teacher observation Questions and answers Written response	Ongoing, Quarter 4
	Vocabulary: Flag Statue of Liberty			

Presidents		
White House		
Capitol		
Native Americans		
Past		
Present		
Then		
Now		
Explorers		
Ships		
Discover		
Pilgrims		
November		
Turkey		
Harvest		
Abraham Lincoln		
George Washington		
Betsy Ross		
Martin Luther King Jr.		
Declaration of Independence		
Covered wagon		
Car		
Helicopter		
Train		
Airplane		
Change		
Doctor		
Inventor		
Scientist		

PA Academic Standards: History

- 8.1.K.A Identify chronological sequence through days, weeks, months, and years (calendar time).
- 8.2.K.B Examine photographs of documents, artifacts, and places unique to Pennsylvania.
- 8.3.K.A Identify American people related to national holidays.

- 8.3.K.B Identify documents and artifacts important to the classroom community.
- 8.3.K.C Demonstrate an understanding of time order.
- 8.4.K.A Explain how cultures celebrate.

		Appendix: A		
IEP Enhancements				
General Topic:	Specially Designed Instruction:	Additional Vocabulary:	Assessments/Suggested Time:	
Who We Are	Preferential Seating Manipulatives Visual Aids Multi-modality instruction including modeling, explicit instruction, repetition, rephrasing, visual cues, and chunking of material		Assessments: • Modifications to assessments including but not limited to accepting oral/spoken responses in lieu of written responses Suggested Time: Ongoing, Quarter 1, as specified in the curriculum with additional time as needed per student	
Communities	 Preferential Seating Manipulatives Visual Aids Multi-modality instruction including modeling, explicit instruction, repetition, rephrasing, visual cues, and chunking of material 		Assessments: • Modifications to assessments including but not limited to accepting oral/spoken responses in lieu of written responses Suggested Time: Ongoing, Quarter 1, as specified in the curriculum with additional time as needed per student	
Work	Preferential Seating Manipulatives Visual Aids Multi-modality instruction including modeling, explicit instruction, repetition, rephrasing, visual cues, and chunking of material		Assessments: • Modifications to assessments including but not limited to accepting oral/spoken responses in lieu of written responses Suggested Time: Ongoing, Quarter 2, as specified in the curriculum with additional time as needed per student	
Earth	Preferential Seating Manipulatives Visual Aids Multi-modality instruction including modeling, explicit instruction, repetition, rephrasing, visual cues, and chunking of material		Assessments: • Modifications to assessments including but not limited to accepting oral/spoken responses in lieu of written responses Suggested Time: Ongoing, Quarter 3, as specified in the curriculum with additional time as needed per student	

General	Specially Designed Instruction:	Additional Vocabulary:	Assessments/Suggested Time:
Topic:			
The United States of America	Preferential Seating Manipulatives Visual Aids Multi-modality instruction including modeling, explicit instruction, repetition, rephrasing, visual cues, and chunking of material		Assessments: • Modifications to assessments including but not limited to accepting oral/spoken responses in lieu of written responses Suggested Time: Ongoing, Quarter 4, as specified in the curriculum with additional time as needed per student