

Elementary Social Studies Overview

Social Studies combines learning about our world with learning to make friends and get along at school. Positive behaviors and social skills are taught through class meetings and instructional routines in Making Meaning and Being A Writer. Each school implements Character Counts! and a positive behavior interventions and supports program, PBS 126.

The following units are supported with a variety of text and multimedia that varies based on the students and the school. Each class uses a subscription to a student magazine such as Time for Kids in addition to subscriptions to Newsbank/TCR, Learn 360, World Book Online and BrainPop. Current events and timely topics (such as elections) are incorporated into the curriculum.

Kindergarten	Welcome to School!	All About Me	Holidays
Grade 1	Our School Community	What is a Family?	Community Helpers
Grade 2	What is a Community?	How are Communities Different?	How Do We Use Maps?
Grade 3	Where in the US is our Community?	How are People Around the World Alike and Different?	Who Works at City Hall?
Grade 4	What Makes a Region?	Illinois	Researching States
Grade 5	US History	Our Government	Explorers
Grade 6	Ancient Civilizations	We the People	The Continents