

# KINDERGARTEN SOCIAL STUDIES

## ***Essential Skills***

*The priority standards consist of the following skills:*

- Geographic Literacy: Application of spatial understanding and landscape interpretation using globes, maps, and photographs.
- Historical Thinking: Demonstration of historical thinking practices including change and continuity over time, cause and effect relationships, interpretation of primary and secondary sources, and significance of historical events and figures.
- Civic Mindedness: Understanding of civic roles, rights, and responsibilities at various levels: the individual, group, government, and global.
- Economic Understanding: Knowledge of economic concepts and elements of financial literacy.

## ***Content***

*The essential skills are taught, practiced, developed, and assessed through study of the content as outlined below.*

Understand that history is the study of events, people, and places of other times.

- People lived differently in the past but some things have remained the same.
- People from history are remembered and honored for specific reasons.
- Stories contain a variety of key historical figures.
- Families have their own histories.

Demonstrate knowledge of basic physical and human geographical concepts.

- Maps represent places.
- The globe is a model of earth.
- Physical features make places unique.
- Relative location is described using specific terms.

Learn and exhibit traits of good citizenship.

- Rules are important in family, class, and school.
- Working together requires specific qualities.
- People work together to build strong communities.
- The flag and other symbols are important and there are rules about them.

Identify basic economic concepts.

- Humans have needs and wants and they change over time.
- People have different kinds of jobs to earn money for their needs and wants.
- People use money by spending, saving, and sharing.

