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Changing Communities: Society and Ourselves



Social Studies

Fairfield Public Schools

Grade 1- Changing Communities: Society and Ourselves (11/19/2015)

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Description:

In first grade, students will explore their place in the world around them while building on their work in kindergarten and expanding perspective beyond themselves. Through comparison of family, school, and community, students will explore multiple perspectives from the past and today. The study of how students fit into society requires that students generate and research compelling questions.

Overview

Central Understandings (Goals)

1. Students will understand the relationship between themselves, their family, their school, and their community.
2. Students will understand how family, school, and community influence each other.
3. Students will understand how people and events from the past affect their community.

Compelling Questions:

HISTORY:

- How do past actions of people in our community still influence our community today?
- How does what people believe change over time?
- What historical sources can we use to study the past?
- How and why are communities formed?

CIVICS:

- What makes a community successful?
- Why is it important to be an active participant in the communities to which I belong?
- How do rules help the community be a better place to live?

ECONOMICS:

- How do needs and wants affect how we live?
- How do people earn a living within a community?

GEOGRAPHY:

- What do maps tell us about the communities we belong to?
- How is someone's life different based on where they live?

Society and Ourselves: Year at a Glance

Trimester 1: Citizenship in Our Community/Geography and Maps

Trimester 2: The Relationship Between Family, School, and Community/Geography and Maps

Trimester 3: Our Needs as a Community/Geography and Maps

Monitoring Student Progress

Students' progress in relation to the content and skill standards will be measured with teacher-generated as well as district-wide, formative summative and project based assessments.

[CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.1.3](#)

Describe the connection between two individuals, events, ideas, or pieces of information in a text.

[CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.1.4](#)

Ask and answer questions to help determine or clarify the meaning of words and phrases in a text.

[CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.1.5](#)

Know and use various text features (e.g., headings, tables of contents, glossaries, electronic menus, icons) to locate key facts or information in a text.

[CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.1.6](#)

Distinguish between information provided by pictures or other illustrations and information provided by the words in a text.

[CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.1.9](#)

Identify basic similarities in and differences between two texts on the same topic (e.g., in illustrations, descriptions, or procedures).

Unit 1: Citizenship in Our Community/Geography and Map Skills

Content Objectives:

Students will be able to:

- Explore the importance of civic virtues and roles within the community that support citizenship.
- Examine the relationship between the roles of citizens and the functioning of a community.
- Examine map features and functions while drawing conclusions and comparing various locations.
- Explore man-made and geographical landforms and how we use and need maps.

Unit Compelling and Supporting Questions

Compelling Question:

How do rules help a community become a better place to live?

How is a person's life different based on where they live?

Supporting Questions

HIST:

- What communities do I belong to?
- What happens when people in communities do not agree?

CIV:

- What makes a good citizen within any community?

ECON:

- How do members of our community help each other with needs?
- How do community members depend on one and other?

GEO:

- What features do you include when creating a map, graph, or other representation of a community you belong to? How are these features chosen?

Standards Emphasized in the Unit

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HIST 1.2 Generate questions about individuals and groups who have shaped a significant historical change.

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ECO 1.1 Explain how scarcity necessitates decision-making.

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Exchange and Markets

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Unit 2: The Relationship between Family, School, and Community/Geography and Maps

Content Objectives:

Students will be able to:

- Explore personal history and relationships with family, school, and community to better understand culture and its importance in shaping students' lives.
- Examine map features and functions while drawing conclusions and comparing various locations.
- Explore man-made and geographical landforms and how we use and need maps.

Unit Compelling and Supporting Questions

Compelling Question

How do past actions in our community still influence our community today?

What do maps tell us about the communities we belong to?

Supporting Questions

HIST:

- How do you and your family remember important events?
- Why are communities constantly changing? What changes them?
- What happens when people don't agree on the changes?

CIV:

- Who are my role models within my community?

ECO:

- How do members of our community help each other with our needs?

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Unit 3: Our Needs as a Community/Geography and Maps

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- Analyze basic functions of earning/spending and the role of money while broadening their perspective of the world.
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HIST:

- Why are communities constantly changing and what changes them?

CIV:

- How do the leaders in our community help to make it a good place to live?

ECON:

- How do people earn a living in our community and how do various jobs affect our community?
- Why is money important?
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