

First Grade Curriculum Guide for Parents Social Studies

The grade 1 social studies program focuses on helping students learn about their roles as members of a family and school community. The development of identity and social interaction are stressed. The students explore self, family, and school through the five standards. Students learn about families now and long ago, as they study different kinds of families that have existed in different societies and communities. Students also begin to locate places on maps and globes and learn how maps serve as representations of physical features and objects. Building on the level K program, the grade 1 program encourages interdisciplinary learning to assist in developing the content, concepts, and skills outlined for the K-12 social studies program.

MY FAMILY AND OTHER FAMILIES

- I. Understands that families exist in all communities and societies
- II. Understands that my family's time line illustrates my family's history

MY COMMUNITY AND LOCAL REGION

- I. Understands that many factors affect the establishment and development of my community
- II. Understands that maps and diagrams serve as representations of places, physical features and objects

ECONOMICS AND DECISION MAKING

- I. Understands the challenges of meeting needs and wants

CIVIC VALUES AND DECISION MAKING

- I. Understands that citizens have rights and responsibilities
- II. Understands that people plan, organize and make decisions for the common good
- III. Understands symbols of citizenship