

KINDERGARTEN SOCIAL STUDIES

UNIT 1 FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Students will learn:

- The Pledge of Allegiance
- The Defer Pledge
- Core Lesson 1 *We Learn From Our Families*
Vocabulary: family
- Skill Builder Identify the Main Idea
- Core Lesson 2 *We Learn at School*
Vocabulary: pledge
- Core Lesson 3 *Friends at School*
Vocabulary: friend, teacher
- Skill Builder Use Location Words
- Core Lesson 4 *Leaders at Home and School*
Vocabulary: adult, leader
- Core Lesson 5 *Rules for Home and for School*
Vocabulary: rule, responsibility
- Skill Builder Resolve Conflicts
- Unit 1 Review



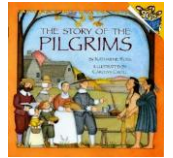
NOVEMBER UNIT THANKSGIVING

We will be focusing on Thanksgiving activities through the month of November and will pick up with Unit 2 after the break.

- The history of Thanksgiving.
- We will read the book *A Turkey for Thanksgiving* by Eve Bunting.



- We will be discussing the concepts of story characters, setting, story sequence and conclusion.
- We will make a list of the characters from the story.
- We will put the characters in order of their appearance in the story.
- In this story a moose family wants to have a turkey for Thanksgiving dinner. After unsuccessfully dodging them, Mr. Turkey finds out that they wanted him as a guest rather than the meal!
- We will also be reading *The Story of the Pilgrims* about the first Thanksgiving and will continue to extend our learning of the concepts of story characters and retelling a story with a beginning, middle and an end.
- Over the break be sure to ask your children what they have learned about the first Thanksgiving.



UNIT 2 A BIG WIDE WORLD



Students will learn:

- Core Lesson 1 *Where Is It?*
Vocabulary: far, near, here, there, above, below
- Core Lesson 2 *Our World's Land*
Vocabulary: land, mountain
- **Skill Builder** Recognize a View from Above
- Core Lesson 3 *Our World's Water*
Vocabulary: ocean, river
- **Skill Builder** Compare Maps and Globes
- Core Lesson 4 *Seasons Bring Change*
Vocabulary: farm, season
- Core Lesson 5 *Community Homes*

Vocabulary: city, community

- Core Lesson 6 *People Have Needs and Wants*

Vocabulary: needs, wants

- Core Lesson 7 *People at Work*

Vocabulary: earn, money, work

- Core Lesson 8 *Saving Money*

Vocabulary: save

- Unit 2 Review

JANUARY UNIT

- Students will learn about Martin Luther King.



FEBRUARY UNIT

There are many things celebrated during the month of February.
Students will learn about:

- Groundhog's Day
- 100th Day of Kindergarten
- Valentine's Day
- Famous African American's and why they became famous in history.
- President's Lincoln and Washington.

FEBRUARY



UNIT 3 LONG AGO AND TODAY

Students will learn:

- Core Lesson 1 *All About Time*

Vocabulary: time, yesterday, today, tomorrow

- Skill Builder Use a Calendar
- Core Lesson 2 **Family History**

Vocabulary: history, past

- Core Lesson 3 **Meeting Needs**

Vocabulary: now, then

- Skill Builder Identify Sequence of Events

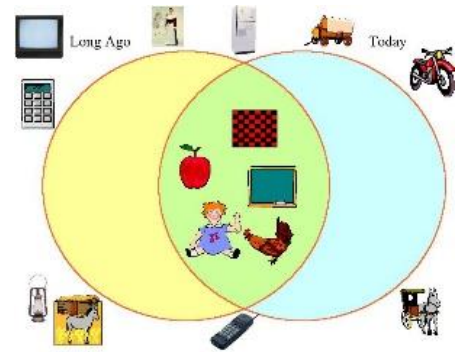
- Core Lesson 4 **Communication**

Vocabulary: communication

- Core Lesson 5 **Transportation**

Vocabulary: transportation, invention

- Skill Builder Categorize and Classify
- Unit 3 Review



This unit gives kindergarteners a better understanding of the concepts of **past** and **present**. In order to help your child understand the concepts in this unit, they will be assigned a **homework project to make a timeline of their life**. Your children should practice placing events in order, and drawing pictures/or finding photos and adding text to go with them. The assignment will be included with the homework packet for March. **This assignment is a mandatory homework assignment.**

To conclude this unit, students will be sharing their timeline's in class, providing yet another opportunity for public speaking.

Students will also be asked to create a leprechaun trap in March!

UNIT 4
OUR COUNTRY, ITS A GREAT PLACE

Students will learn:

- Core Lesson 1 *The Flag and The Bald Eagle*
Vocabulary: flag, freedom, symbol
- Core Lesson 2 *Other Symbols for Our Country*
Vocabulary: country, White House
- Skill Builder Express Ideas Orally
- Core Lesson 3 *Our Country's People*
Vocabulary: world
- Core Lesson 4 *Heroes Long Ago*
Vocabulary: brave, honest
- Skill Builder Make a Decision
- Core Lesson 5: *Our Leaders*
Vocabulary: President, vote
- Unit 4 Review

