

Pre-K Social Studies

Month / Year	Essential Questions	Content	Skills	Assessment
August 2008	What would happen if we didn't have rules?	School Rules	Learn school / classroom rules: - We listen to each other.	Teacher observation, student inquiry, class discussions, informal assessments
			- Hands are for helping, not hurting.	
			- We care about each other's feelings.	
			- We are responsible for what we say and do.	
	How should we treat others?	The Golden Rule	Learn the "Golden Rule:" - Treat others the way you would like to be treated.	
	What is a friend?	Friends	Describe the characteristics of a friend.	
	Do all people have good qualities?		Recognize that there are good things about everybody. Identify positive qualities in each other.	
September	What is a family?	Families	Explain the concept of a family, including the various types of families.	
	Do you have any family traditions?		Recognize your family's positive and unique qualities and traditions.	
	What do you do to contribute to your family?		Identify things that you can do to help out in your family.	
	What happens at a county fair?	The County Fair	Investigate the various activities found at a county fair.	
	What do judges do at the fair?		Explain the job of a county fair judge.	

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October	What is a career?	Community Helpers	Investigate the various types of careers in a community.	
	How do you decide what job is right for you?		Understand that most people try to pick jobs that they are good at, and that they like to do.	
	Who are the people that keep us safe and healthy in our community?		Recognize that we depend on certain people and jobs to keep us safe and healthy.	
	Do men and women do the same jobs?		Understand that men and woman can each do the same jobs.	
	What makes Halloween special?	Halloween	Explore the traditions of Halloween.	
November	Who was at the First Thanksgiving?	First Thanksgiving	Compare and contrast the lives of the Native Americans and the Pilgrims.	
	Why were they celebrating?		Discover the reason for the First Thanksgiving.	
	What did they eat?		Investigate the First Thanksgiving feast.	
	How was the First Thanksgiving like our Thanksgivings now? How are they different?		Differentiate between the First Thanksgiving and Thanksgiving today.	
	What is an election?	Election	Describe an election.	
	Who gets to vote?		Explain who votes.	
December	What is the true meaning of Christmas?	Christmas	Discover and retell the story of the birth of Jesus.	
	Why do we give gifts at Christmas?		Investigate the reason for gift giving at Christmas.	
	What are your family's Christmas traditions?		Discuss family traditions.	
	Does everyone celebrate Christmas?		Investigate how other cultures celebrate this time of year.	

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January	Do all people live in the same type of home?	Homes - Where We Live	Compare and contrast the many kinds of homes. (Examples: houses, apartments, condos, shelters, mobile homes, igloos, huts, and tents.	
	What is an address and why do we have one?		Understand that we all have addresses (a street with a name, with a number on each building) so the mail can be delivered and so that people can find them.	
	Will you always be in the same home?		Investigate reasons why people move to a different home.	
	What are the names and functions of the rooms in a home?		Name and describe the typical rooms in a home.	
February	What makes you special?	All About Me	Recognize your own positive and unique qualities.	
	Are all people alike?		Investigate the differences in people and embrace those differences.	
	How do our choices determine our lives?		Understand the cause / effect relationship between our choices and the outcomes.	
	How can we share our love with others?	Valentine's Day	Explore various ways to share love with others. (Family, friends, strangers)	
March	What does it mean to be patriotic?	Patriotism	Investigate patriotism and symbols of the United States.	
	Who is the president and what does he do?		Discover the role of the president?	
	Why do we pledge allegiance to a flag?		Learn the Pledge of Allegiance and understand what it means.	
	How should we treat the flag?		Understand how to care for and handle the flag.	

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April	What does Easter celebrate?	Easter	Investigate the true meaning of Easter; Jesus's resurrection.	
	What are your family's Easter traditions?		Discuss family traditions.	
May	Where do the groceries come from?	Grocery Stores	Discover how products are manufactured / grown and brought to the store.	
	What can you find in a grocery store?		Investigate the different departments in a grocery store.	
	Do you just help yourself to the groceries?		Discuss how we use money to pay for groceries.	
	Are grocery stores like other stores?		Differentiate between grocery stores and other types of stores.	