

Preschool Social Studies

Month / Year	Essential Questions	Content	Skills	Assessment
August 2008	What makes me special?	People are the same in some ways and different in others.	Learn school / classroom rules: - We listen to each other.	Teacher observation, student inquiry, class discussions, informal assessments
			Compare likenesses and differences	
			Identify what makes us unique	
			- We care about each other's feelings.	
	How should we treat people?	We should try to learn about people who are different than we are and treat them nicely.	Learn the "Golden Rule:" - Treat others the way you would like to be treated.	
	Are all people the same?	We all have people who love us just the way we are.	Learn about children in different parts of the world.	
	Do all people have feelings?	All people have feelings. People feel different feelings at different times.	Identify different feelings model different feelings	
September				
	What is a family?	Family	Children will explore the fact that there are many different kinds of families.	
	What can I do to help my family?		Children will discover every family member is important and that even a child can help out there family.	
	Who is Johnny Appleseed?	Johnny Appleseed	Investigate Johnny Appleseed and why he planted trees.	

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October	What are the different ways people get places?	Transportation	Children will explore different modes of transportation.	
	How much time does it take to get somewhere?		Children will discover that far away places take longer to get to than closer places.	
	What is the fastest way to travel?		Children will learn people can travel by air, land, and sea.	
	What should you do to be safe on Halloween?	Halloween Safety	Children will identify Halloween safety rules.	
November	What gifts have God given you?	Thankfulness	Children will identify all things are a gift from God.	
	How can we show we are thankful?		Children will explore ways to show they are thankful.	
	Why is it important to be thankful?		Children will discover not all people have everything they need. It is our job to help them.	
December	What happens at Christmas?	Christmas	Children will explore the Christian story of Christmas?	
	What is a tradition?		Children will investigate different traditions.	
	Do different people have different traditions?		Children will identify a tradition in their family.	
January	What do you wear in the different seasons?	Four seasons	Children will identify four seasons. Children will classify seasonal items.	

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	What do we need to do to be safe in the winter?	Winter safety	Children will explore winter hazards: ice, space heaters, cold exposure.	
February	What do dentists do?	Dentist	Children will explore the job of a dentist.	
	Why should you take care of your teeth?	Oral Care	Children will learn what cause cavities.	
	How should you take care of your teeth?		Children will discover how to take care of their teeth.	
March	What is a circus?	Circus	Children will explore what a circus is and its history.	
	How do circus performers do what they do?		Children will discover some of the things circus performers do take a lot of practice and would be dangerous for them to try.	
	What do animal trainers do?		Children will investigate how animal trainers take care of animals and teach them to do tricks.	
April	Why should we help people?	Sharing God's love	Children will discover God wants us to help others.	
	What can we do to help others?		Children will brainstorm ways they can help others.	
	Why is Easter a special day?	Easter	Children will explore the reason Jesus died on the cross.	

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May	What are things we do in the summer?	Summer Safety	Children will explore how to prevent summer accidents.	
	What can we do to be safe in the summer?			
	How do we ride our bikes?	Bike safety	Children will learn proper bike safety and proper safety equipment.	