

# Social Studies

## KINDERGARTEN

### Self and Family

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Initial citizenship education in kindergarten includes the significance of following rules and respecting the rights of other people. Students are introduced to the concepts of justice, courage, autonomy, and leadership as they develop an awareness of their roles as family members, individuals, and members of a social group. Appropriate learning environments reflect a thematic, interdisciplinary approach with emphasis on flexibility, attention to individual learning styles, and active participation in learning, including opportunities for exploration and discovery. Thus, instructional materials that expose students to concrete examples of abstract concepts of civic competence are meaningful.

Students will:

1. Use daily schedules and timelines from birth to present to relate self and family to changes over time.
  - Use vocabulary to describe periods of time
2. Compare families of today with families of the past in relation to work, home, and school.
3. Identify historically significant events as they relate to self and family.
  - Identify famous individuals associated with holidays and celebrations
  - Describe personal and family experiences related to holidays and celebrations
4. Identify personal use of goods and services.
  - Demonstrate ways money is used in everyday life
  - Identify various community helpers and their roles in the community
5. Identify personal wants and needs.
  - Discuss differences between purchasing and bartering for materials
  - Discuss reasons for making choices
6. Identify vocabulary related to location and direction.
  - Locate objects and places to the *right* or *left*, *up* or *down*, *in* or *out*, and *above* or *below*
  - Give directions

- Follow directions
7. Identify representations of Earth using technology, maps, and globes.
    - Create simple maps
  8. Describe effects of different seasons on self and family.
    - Discuss economic factors affected by seasonal changes
  9. Describe ways people celebrate their diverse cultural heritages.
  10. Discuss rights and responsibilities of individuals in relation to different social groups, including family, peer group, and classmates.
    - Explain the importance of manners and social etiquette
    - Explain the necessity for rules and laws and consequences of failing to obey them
  11. Identify historic symbols of patriotism.