

Power Learning Goals

Social Studies – Kindergarten

History

1. Build an understanding of the cultural and social development of the United States.

- Share stories, pictures, and music of one's own personal life, family and culture.
- Describe how families celebrate in many different ways.
- Describe how individuals have similarities and differences.
- Describe how each person is special and unique within the classroom.

Geography

2. Analyze the spatial organizations of people, places, and environment on the earth's surface.

- Identify the globe as a model of the earth.
- Distinguish between land masses and water on a globe or map.
- Identify the north and south poles on a map or globe.
- Recognize a map of the United States of America and know it is the country in which we live.
- Make and use a map of a familiar area.
- Recognize a map of Idaho and know it is the state in which we live.

Economics

3. Explain basic economic concepts.

- Observe that all people have needs and wants.
- Recognize that people have limited resources.
- Describe some jobs that people do to earn money/rewards.

Civics and Government

4. Build an understanding of the foundational principles of the American political system.

- Name some rules and the reasons for them.
- Discuss how individuals and groups make decisions and solve problems.
- Identify personal traits, such as courage, honesty, and responsibility.

5. Build an understanding of the organization and formation of the American system of government.

- Identify symbols of the United States such as the flag, Pledge of Allegiance, Bald Eagle, red, white, and blue, Statue of Liberty, and the President.
- Recite the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Describe holidays, and tell why they are commemorated in the United States, such as Thanksgiving, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Independence Day, and Presidents' Day.

6. Build an understanding that all people in the United States have rights and assume responsibilities.

- Identify individuals who are helpful to people in their everyday lives.
- Identify ways to be helpful to family and school.

Global Perspectives

7. Build an understanding of multiple perspectives and global interdependence.

- Name family traditions that came to America from other parts of the world.