## Blackhawk School District

## **CURRICULUM**

Course Title:Social StudiesGrade Level(s):KindergartenLength of Period:12 lessons throughout yearFaculty Author(s):Erin KrutDate:February 2014

## **MISSION STATEMENT:**

The purpose for learning social studies is to prepare students to be responsible, productive citizens who possess an awareness of local, regional and global issues. Students will use problem-solving, critical thinking and analytical skills based upon knowledge of the past in order to successfully impact the present and the future. By building a frame of reference, students will learn to understand and appreciate overarching concepts in literature, film, art and science.

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

The following lessons are designed to create a social studies foundation for kindergarten students through the use of effective read alouds and common lessons. The common lessons are focused around Constitution Day, the Statue of Liberty, the process of an election, an introduction to maps and globes, Martin Luther King Jr., George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, the directions North, South, East, and West, the Liberty Bell, the White House, and different types of professions. Daily discussions and lessons will provide teachable moments and opportunities to discuss other important aspects of social studies such as the need for rules, figures of authority, and the ability of students to function as an appropriate citizen in the school, as well as in their home and community.

The following outline provides a general overview of the course content, not a chronological timetable. The weeks denoted for each area provide an idea for the overall time spent working with a given topic throughout the school year.

Course Outline	PA Core Standards	Approx. Pacing	Assessment Options	Suggested Resources
Course Outline All Year Civics and Government Geography History Explain the need for and purpose of rules. Define respect for self and others. Explain, identify and demonstrate responsible behavior and responsibilities in the classroom/school. Identify a problem and discuss possible solutions.	<ul> <li>PA Core Standards</li> <li>5.1.K.A: Explain the purpose of rules.</li> <li>5.1.K.B: Explain the need for rules.</li> <li>5.1.K.C: Define respect for self and others.</li> <li>5.1.K.E: Demonstrate responsibilities in the classroom.</li> <li>5.2.K.A: Identify responsibilities at school.</li> <li>5.2.K.B: Identify a problem and discuss possible solutions.</li> <li>5.2.K.C: Identify classroom projects/activities that support leadership and service.</li> <li>5.2.K.D: Explain responsible classroom behavior.</li> <li>5.4.K.A: Identify conflict in the classroom.</li> </ul>		Options Identify classroom projects/activities that support leadership and service. Identify the role of adults in authority at home or in school. Identify how students can work together. Identify chronological	Suggested Resources Olweus materials Blackhawk <i>Do Your</i> <i>Part</i> materials Anti-Bullying resources Calendar Teacher created resources and supplemental materials i.e. video clips Online resources
Demonstrate an understanding of conflict and cooperation.	<b>5.4.K.B:</b> Identify how students can work together.		sequence (calendar time).	

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September Geography History Identify documents and artifacts important to the classroom community. Describe location of places in the home, school and community to gain understanding of relative location.	<ul> <li>7.1.K.A: Interpret a simple map of a known environment.</li> <li>7.1.K.B: Describe the location of places in the home, school, and community to gain an understanding of relative location.</li> <li>7.2.K.A: Describe the characteristics of homes and businesses located in the community to gain an understanding of physical features.</li> <li>7.2.K.B: Identify land and water forms.</li> </ul>	1 month	Interpret a simple map of a known environment Identify land and water forms	Me on the Map byJoanne Sweeney andAnnette CableOther simple mapactivities andresourcesUnited States FlagPledge of AllegianceOther flag activitiesand resourcesPeriodicals i.e. Timefor Kids, WeeklyReader, etc.Teacher createdresources andsupplementalmaterials i.e. videoclipsOnline resources

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October	<b>5.1.K.F:</b> Identify significant American holidays and their symbols.			Johnny Appleseed activities and resources
Civics and Government	<b>5.3.K.B:</b> Identify the role of adults in authority at home or in school.			Fire Safety Activities and resources
Geography History	<b>5.3.K.C:</b> Identify roles of fire fighters, police officers, and emergency workers.			<i>Christopher Columbus</i> by Lisa Wade
Identify people in authority Define respect for self and				McCormick Other Columbus Day activities and resources
others				Red Ribbon Week activities
				Periodicals i.e. <i>Time for</i> <i>Kids, Weekly Reader,</i> etc.
				Teacher created resources and supplemental materials i.e. video clips
				Online resources

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November	<b>8.1.K.A:</b> Identify chronological sequence through days, weeks, months, and years (calendar time).			Duck for President by Doreen Cronin
<b>Civics and Government</b>	8.3.K.A: Identify American people related to	1 month		Other election
Geography	national holidays.			activities and
<ul> <li>History</li> <li>Identify land and water forms.</li> <li>Describe how weather affects daily life</li> <li>Identify how scarcity influences choice.</li> </ul>				resources Veteran's Day activities and resources Thanksgiving activities and resources Periodicals i.e. <i>Time</i> <i>for Kids, Weekly</i> <i>Reader,</i> etc. Teacher created resources and supplemental materials i.e. video clips Online resources

December8.1.K.A: Identify chronological sequence through days, weeks, months, and years (calendar time).1 monthCivics and Government Economics8.3.K.A: Identify American people related to national holidays.1 month	Identify currency and how it is	Wants/Needs
History Identify significant6.1.K.A: Identify how scarcity influences choice.American holidays and their symbols.6.1.K.B: Identify family wants and needs.Identify different celebrations of different 	used.	activities and resources December holiday activities and resources Periodicals i.e. <i>Time</i> <i>for Kids, Weekly</i> <i>Reader,</i> etc. Teacher created resources and supplemental materials, i.e. video clips. Online resources

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January Civics and Government Economics History Identify significant American holidays and their symbols. Identify American people related to national holidays. Identify people in authority. Identify individuals who volunteer in the community. Define respect for self and others.	<ul> <li>8.1.K.A: Identify chronological sequence through days, weeks, months, and years (calendar time).</li> <li>8.3.K.A: Identify American people related to national holidays.</li> <li>6.1.K.A: Identify how scarcity influences choice.</li> <li>6.1.K.B: Identify family wants and needs.</li> <li>6.1.K.C: Identify choices to meet needs.</li> <li>6.1.K.D: Identify a choice based on family interest.</li> </ul>	1 month		Martin Luther King Jr.by Courtney BakerOther MLK activitiesand resourcesDiversity activities andresourcesPeriodicals i.e. Timefor Kids, WeeklyReader, etc.Teacher createdresources andsupplementalmaterials i.e. videoclipsOnline resources

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March				St. Patrick's Day
		1 month		activities and
Civics and Government				resources.
Geography				Dr. Souss Dood Across
History				Dr. Seuss <u>Read Across</u>
				America activities and
Identify significant				resources
American holidays and				Periodicals i.e. Time
their symbols.				for Kids, Weekly
their symbols.				Reader, etc.
Explain how cultures				,
celebrate				Teacher created
				resources and
Identify different				supplemental
celebrations of different				materials i.e. video
cultures from around the				clips
world				Online resources

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April				Easter activities and
		1 month		resources
Economics				Earth Day activities
Geography				and resources
History				
				Periodicals i.e. Time
Identify significant				for Kids, Weekly
American holidays and				<i>Reader,</i> etc.
their symbols.				Teacher created
Identify land and water				resources and
forms.				supplemental
				materials i.e. video
Identify local bodies of				clips
water and landforms to				Online resources
gain an understanding of				Online resources
their impact on the local				
community.				
Identify individuals who				
volunteer in the				
community.				

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Мау				<i>Liberty Bell</i> by Lloyd G.
		1 month		Douglas
Civics and Government				Other Liberty Bell
Economics				activities
Identify people in				White House by Lloyd
authority.				G. Douglas
Examine photographs,				Other White House
documents, artifacts, and				activities
places unique to				Mamarial Day
Pennsylvania				Memorial Day activities and
Identify the specialized				resources
Identify the specialized role performed by each				resources
member of the family.				Career Day activities
member of the family.				Periodicals i.e. <i>Time</i>
				for Kids, Weekly
				<i>Reader,</i> etc.
				Teacher created
				resources and
				supplemental
				materials i.e. video
				clips
				Online resources