

Elementary social studies is...

Community

People - interact, live, work, grow, develop

Leaders - power, authority, governance

Economy - currency

Culture

Rules

Geography

America

Maps - local

Countries

Culture

History

Holidays

Stories

Books

Currents events - relate

Laws

Leaders, Presidents

Study of people and how they interact and live and work together in society (early years)

(later years) history, American history, how we came to be

Community

How people in the community grow, develop, and work together

Paying attention to what is going on in the world

Relating current events back to what you're learning in class

People around you

Culture

Standards

Power, authority, and governance

Rules, laws -- what are they? What do they do?

Spiraling understandings: Simple in early grades, become more complex

Leaders

America

White males

Holidays

Facts

Drills

Memorize and know

Presidents

Stories; people's lives are stories

Understanding the world around you

Culture

Geography

Economy

History

Maps -- Bethlehem, Lehigh Valley, USA, world

Communities

Countries

Multiple subject integration -- art

Currency -- exchange rates, math

Books -- language arts