

Unit/Topic Title: **The World Around Me**

Trimester: **3rd**

Estimated Time (When): May (4 weeks) (includes time for re-teaching and enrichment)

Standard(s) 2. Geography	
Prepared Graduates: ➤ Apply geographic representations and perspectives to analyze human movement, spatial patterns systems, and the connections and relationships among them.	
Grade Level Expectation: Preschool	
Preschool Learning and Development Expectation: · Develop spatial understanding, perspectives, and connections to the world. (2.1)	
Indicators of Progress	Examples of High-Quality Teaching and Learning Experiences
<i>By the end of the preschool experience (approximately 60 months/5 years old), students may:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify aspects of the environment, such as roads, buildings, trees, gardens, bodies of water, and land formations. (2.1.a) 	<i>Supportive Teaching Practices/Adults May:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Involve children in firsthand experiences in their community. For example: exploration of the school, neighborhood, and city. Have children interpret simple maps of the classroom, playground and neighborhood. Provide materials, literature, and activities that explore different types of homes and aspects of the children's surrounding environment. For example: apartments, single-family homes, motels, modular homes, trees, rivers, mountains, and buildings. Display pictures of familiar community buildings and landmarks in block, writing, or other centers
	<i>Examples of Learning/Children May:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build with blocks or draw various environments. Take pictures of familiar building locations to place on a map of the school. The children glue the pictures on the map while the adult labels the location. Identify and discuss the things they see, such as trees, fountains, streets, etc.

Essential Vocabulary:

- Introductory: Map; trees, river, ocean, land, mountain, road, garden, park, building

Assessments:

- Teaching Strategies GOLD™
 - 9.a Uses and expanded expressive vocabulary
 - 11.d Shows curiosity and motivation
 - 21.a Understands spatial relationships
 - 32 Demonstrates simple geographic knowledge

Instructional Resources:

- Teaching Strategies GOLD