

**Dear Kindergarten Families,**

We're excited to share an overview of what your child will be learning in Social Studies this year. In Kindergarten, Social Studies begins with a focus on what children know best — themselves! Throughout the year, we'll explore topics that help students understand who they are, how they relate to others, and how people live and work together in communities.

Kindergarten Social Studies is grounded in the New York State Social Studies Framework and organized around five big themes: **identity, citizenship, geography, history, and economics**. While these might sound like big ideas, we teach them in ways that feel real and meaningful to our youngest learners—through stories, class discussions, hands-on activities, and connections to their own lives.

Here's a look at what students will explore in each part of the year:

Fall: Getting to Know Myself and Others

We start the year by learning about ourselves, our families, and the classroom community. Children talk about what makes them special, learn how to be kind and respectful classmates, and discover how families and traditions can be both unique and shared. These lessons help build a strong sense of belonging and connection at school.

Winter: How Can I Be a Good Citizen?

This unit focuses on what it means to be a good citizen—at home, at school, and in the wider world. Children learn about rules, fairness, and the importance of helping others. They'll begin to understand how people work together, make decisions, and take care of one another in a community.

Spring: Understanding Our World – Geography and Economics

In the spring, students explore where people live and how they meet their needs. We talk about different kinds of communities, the jobs people do, and how we use and share resources. We'll also learn about ways to care for the environment and show respect for the places we live.

Throughout the year, we'll use books, songs, drawings, and class conversations to help children connect these big ideas to their own lives. Social Studies in Kindergarten helps students grow as thoughtful, caring, and curious members of their community—and we're excited to take this journey with them.



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If you have any questions about our curriculum please don't hesitate to reach out.