

ELEMENTARY SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENTAL CURRICULUM PROFILE

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The social studies program develops the academic process of social and government development in an inclusive classroom for children.

PHILOSOPHY

Encourage each child to reach their full potential of being life long learners.

OBJECTIVES

- History of our state
- Mapping skills
- Nebraska resources
- Famous Nebraskans
- Places/points of interest
- National and state government
- Making a living in Nebraska
- Map Skills
- Physical Regions of the United States
- The First Americans
- European Exploration and Settlements of the United States
- Revolutionary and Civil War
- United States Government
- United States History through Today
- Latin American History, including Mexico, South and Central America
- Canadian History
- Ways we learn: family, senses, school, groups
- Learning about communities: community, map, directions, city, farms, suburb
- Living in groups: rules, laws, states
- Working in communities: needs and wants, earning and spending, community workers, factories
- Communities of long ago: first Americans, settlements, schools of the past
- Communities around the world: Japan, South America, globe and continents
- Our country today: government, symbols our country, American values
- Latin America & Canada
- People of America
- First Americans
- Great Indian Civilizations (Maya, Inca, & Aztec)
- Conquest of Latin America
- Colonizing Latin America
- Latin American Independence
- Mexico, Central America, Caribbean, Northern & Andean Countries (Then & Now)
- Holidays people celebrate: Thanksgiving, Martin Luther King, Jr. , Presidents' Day, Arbor Day
- Using latitude and longitude to locate places
- Physical regions of the United States
 - The United States
 - Producing Food, Goods, and Services

- The Indians of North, Middle, and South America
- European Exploration and Settlements
- Spanish Exploration and Conquest
- The Colonies (New England, Southern, Middle)
- French and Indian War
- Revolutionary War
- United States Government
 - Articles of Confederation
 - Constitution
- Louisiana Purchase
- War of 1812
- United States Expansion
- Slavery
- The Civil War
- Famous Americans
 - Presidents
 - Military Persons
- Family – School – Community
- Hanukah
- Chinese New Year