## Blackhawk School District

## **CURRICULUM**

Course Title: Social Studies Grade Level(s): Kindergarten

Length of Period: 12 lessons throughout year

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## **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
All Year	<b>5.1.K.A:</b> Explain the purpose of rules.	Throughout the school	Identify classroom	Olweus materials
Civics and Government Geography	<b>5.1.K.B:</b> Explain the need for rules.	year	projects/activities that support	Blackhawk <i>Do Your Part</i> materials
<b>History</b> Explain the need for and	<ul><li>5.1.K.C: Define respect for self and others.</li><li>5.1.K.E: Demonstrate responsibilities in the</li></ul>		leadership and service.	Anti-Bullying resources
purpose of rules.  Define respect for self and	classroom. <b>5.2.K.A:</b> Identify responsibilities at school.		Identify the role of adults in	Calendar
others.  Explain, identify and	<b>5.2.K.B:</b> Identify a problem and discuss possible solutions.		authority at home or in school.	Teacher created resources and supplemental
demonstrate responsible behavior and responsibilities in the classroom/school.	<b>5.2.K.C:</b> Identify classroom projects/activities that support leadership and service.		Identify how students can work together.	materials i.e. video clips
Identify a problem and	<b>5.2.K.D:</b> Explain responsible classroom behavior.		Identify	Online resources
discuss possible solutions.	<b>5.4.K.A:</b> Identify conflict in the classroom.		chronological	
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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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 by Joanne Sweeney and Annette Cable Other simple map activities and resources United States Flag Pledge of Allegiance Other flag activities and resources Periodicals i.e. Time for Kids, Weekly Reader, etc. Teacher created resources and supplemental materials i.e. video clips Online 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
Geography	nome of in school.			resources
History	<b>5.3.K.C:</b> Identify roles of fire fighters, police officers, and emergency workers.			Christopher Columbus by Lisa Wade
Identify people in authority				McCormick
Define respect for self and others				Other Columbus Day activities and resources
				Red Ribbon Week activities
				Periodicals i.e. <i>Time for 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
Civics and Government	8.3.K.A: Identify American people related to	1 month		Other election
Geography	national holidays.			activities and resources
<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>				Veteran's Day activities and resources  Thanksgiving activities and resources  Periodicals i.e. Time for Kids, Weekly Reader, etc.  Teacher created resources and supplemental materials i.e. video clips  Online resources

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December	<b>8.1.K.A:</b> Identify chronological sequence through days, weeks, months, and years (calendar time).		Identify currency and how it is	Wants/Needs activities and
Civics and Government Economics History	<b>8.3.K.A:</b> Identify American people related to national holidays.	1 month	used.	resources  December holiday
Identify significant American holidays and their symbols.	<ul><li>6.1.K.A: Identify how scarcity influences choice.</li><li>6.1.K.B: Identify family wants and needs.</li></ul>			resources  Periodicals i.e. <i>Time</i>
Identify different celebrations of different	<b>6.1.K.C:</b> Identify choices to meet needs.			for Kids, Weekly Reader, etc.
cultures from around the world.	<b>6.1.K.D:</b> Identify a choice based on family interest.			Teacher created resources and
Identify individual and family wants and needs.				supplemental materials, i.e. video clips.
Identify choices to meet needs.				Online resources
Identify a choice based on family interest.				
Identify goods and consumers.				
Identify advertisements that encourage us to buy things.				

Civics and Government Economics History  B.3.K.A: Identify American people related to national holidays.  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.	Martin Luther King Jr. by Courtney Baker  Other MLK activities and resources  Diversity activities and resources  Periodicals i.e. Time for Kids, Weekly Reader, etc.  Teacher created resources and supplemental materials i.e. video clips  Online resources

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February  Civics and Government  Geography  History  With guidance and support, differentiate facts from opinions as related to an event.	8.1.K.A: Identify chronological sequence through days, weeks, months, and years (calendar time). 8.3.K.A: Identify American people related to national holidays. 6.1.K.A: Identify how scarcity influences choice. 6.1.K.B: Identify family wants and needs. 6.1.K.C: Identify choices to meet needs. 6.1.K.D: Identify a choice based on family interest.			Groundhog Day activities  Valentine's Day Activities and resources  Abraham Lincoln by Sonia Black  George Washington by Kimberly Weinberger and Bob Doucet  Other President's Day activities  Periodicals i.e. Time for Kids, Weekly Reader, etc.  Teacher created resources and supplemental
				materials i.e. video clips Online resources

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

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

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May				Liberty Bell 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				Memorial Day
Pennsylvania				activities and
Identify the specialized				resources
role performed by each				
member of the family.				Career Day activities
				Periodicals i.e. <i>Time</i>
				for Kids, Weekly
				Reader, etc.
				Teacher created
				resources and
				supplemental
				materials i.e. video
				clips
				Online resources