

# Sacred Heart School

## Social Studies

### First Grade

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The first grade social studies program makes the students aware of the community and world around them. The students explore the world from their family, school and community, to people of the world. They learn the importance of work and making a distinction between want and need and how goods and services are made available to them. They explore how things were, how they are now and some of the people who have made these things happen.

#### Course Content:

- History
- Geography
- Economics
- Civics

#### Objectives:

##### *The student will:*

- become familiar with the people of the world and where they live
- explore their family, community, state and country
- learn to identify needs and wants
- explore the various jobs in the work force
- compare family life past and present
- explore different inventions that have moved civilization forward
- discover how everything changes; people, communication, transportation
- learn the meaning of various holidays and why they are celebrated

#### Course Materials:

- Houghton Mifflin, Social Studies
- Maps
- Art supplies
- Literature

Instructional Strategies:

- Whole group instruction
- Small group instruction
- One on one instruction
- Peer partners
- Modeling
- Viewing
- Hands on exploration

Assessments:

- Daily work
- Observational Assessment