

Sacred Heart School

Social Studies

Kindergarten

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The kindergarten social studies program brings the understanding of a 4 to 5 year old child from his/her own world and basic understanding of the rules governing that world to a more global understanding of the world around them. The children are introduced to people, customs, holidays and traditions of not only the families of their school community but the community at large, as well as the country, and even the world around them. Respect for cultural differences and celebration of the similarities between the many diverse traditions that are explored are an essential component of our social studies program.

Course Content:

- History
- Geography
- Civics
- Economics

Objectives:

The student will:

- Gain an understanding of the purpose for following the rules at home, school, and in our community, discriminating the similarities and differences between the rules in these locations
- Identify people and events which have influenced American history, gaining an appreciation of the reasons they are celebrated
- Name national holidays
- Identify some of the more recognized American presidents
- Identify symbols of our country and express their importance to our nation
- Recite the Pledge of Allegiance in a respectful manner
- Begin to gather information from a map, recognizing pertinent locations
- Identify community helpers, and their roles in the community
- Identify the difference between work and play
- Develop an awareness of different types of careers and the reason for working
- Recognize that people look, speak, and dress differently
- Respect and tolerate others' ideas and beliefs
- Recognize that he/she must care for God's creation (picking up litter and recycling)

Course Materials:

- *Social Studies: My World*, Houghton Mifflin
- Maps and Globes
- Art Materials
- Story books

Instructional strategies:

- Discussion/Questioning
- Viewing/Listening/Answering
- Storytelling
- Art projects
- Collaborative Learning Groups
- On-line technology through the use of an interactive white board