



Westgate Community School

3rd Grade Social Studies Overview 2017-2018

In this document, you will find an overview of all the units that will be covered in 3rd grade social studies. All the units and their content has been taken from the Colorado model content standards for 3rd grade social studies. First, you will find a general time line for the units for the year. You will then find a brief bulleted description of the unit. If you have any questions regarding the outlined curriculum, please contact Ellyse Colson at Ellyse.colson@westgateschool.org.

Social Studies Year-long Outlook:

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
Unit: Personal Civic Duty Unit: Local Government	Unit: Economics	Unit: Geography Unit: The United States of America	Unit: History

Unit: Personal Civic Duty

- Elements of a responsible community member- listening with respect for understanding and speaking in a respectful manner
- Identify personal rights and how they relate to others
- Relationship between rights and responsibility

Unit: Local Government

- Origins, structure, and function of local government
- Services provided by local government
- Funding for local services
- Roles of leaders, citizens, and others within the local government

Unit: Economics

- Define: producers, consumers, goods, services, trade, barter
- Relate producers and consumers to each other
- Describe different ways and methods that goods and services are exchanged
- Purpose of money
- Trade among different cultures, countries, and communities
- Sources of income (child verses adult)
- Costs and benefits to borrowing money



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- Create a plan for a short-term financial goal, including the steps to meet the financial goal

Unit: Geography

- 5 themes of geography
- Physical geography- in general
- Landforms
- Identify oceans, continents, major countries, bodies of water on a map
- Define physical geography
- Define human geography
- Compare human and physical geography

Unit: United States of America

- Compare human and physical geography- in general and in the community
- Factors that make a region unique- cultural diversity, industry, agriculture, and landforms
- Identify different regions and the states of the United States of America
- Within each region, describe and discuss different types of features such as physical, political, cultural, urban and rural
- Identify geography-based problems and examine the ways that people have tried to solve them

Unit: History

- Compare factual historical sources with fictional writing about the same topic
- Use a variety of historical sources to help define factual historical evidence
- Compare information about the same event in history
- Distinguish fact from fiction
- Sequence important events in a community or region
- Examine different regions and identify different people and events within the region
- Examine different regions and discuss the different cultures and people that have helped shape that region's history