Dominican International School

SOCIAL STUDIES - Pre-K

GRADE LEVEL: Pre-Kinder SCHOOL YEAR: 2023-2024

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The curriculum for kindergarten Social Studies aims to help children gain a broader understanding of themselves and the things around them. We begin our learning journey by introducing topics that are closer to them, such as “Me” and “Family,” in conjunction with picture story books and our SLOs and DIS’s VISION MISSION which familiarizes children with the topics of Social Studies and encourages children to learn about the world around them. Children develop basic history, geography, time, and space knowledge from the preschool Social Study class. Children are engaged in group work and classroom discussions, which help them practice their social skills and build a foundation for society's work. Moreover, to cultivate children’s global view of other countries traditions, such as clothing people around the world wear and different kinds of food people eat, is included in the program.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

At the end of the course, students should be able to:

1. Express their feelings, such as happy, sad, and angry.
2. Identify feelings like happy, sad, and angry.
3. Name the family members correctly in English, such as father, mother, grandpa, etc.
4. Describe things and/or buildings they can see around their neighborhood.
5. Identify the country/city/community they live in.
6. Explain how to be a good friend/helper in class.
7. Identify the flag of Taiwan and the flag of their own country.
8. Identify appropriate behavior for school, such as no hitting, being friendly to each other, etc.
9. Identify and describe jobs they can see in the community.
10. Explain how money works.

CLASS RULES

- I will listen to my teacher at all times.
- I will share my supplies with my friends
- I will raise my hand before I talk.

- I will try my best in class.

ASSESSMENT:

- Oral assessment:
  - After each lesson, students' ability to answer topic-related questions will be counted as part of the oral assessment.
  - At the end of each unit, the ability to point out and elaborate on the flashcards that represent the key vocabularies of the unit will be another oral assessment.
- Checklist:
  - A checklist according to the standards will assess children's understanding after each unit.
- Written Assessment:
  - At the end of each semester, a written exam will be given.
- Observation:
  - The teacher will do a spontaneous in-class observation to identify each child's understanding of the topic.

PRIMARY TEXTBOOK & OTHER RESOURCES

World of Wonders : developing early learners (2016). Welcome to World of Wonders. Macmillan/McGraw-Hill School Div.
TE (Unit 1~9 ; mini-units) (TR000553~562)
Welcome to World of Wonders (TR000563)
PreK Interactive Read-aloud anthology with stories, rhymes, and songs
SRA kinderb bound assessment flip book (TR000565)
PreK-2 photo cards (TR000566)
PreK Oral language cards (TR000568)
Concept cards (TR000569)
Big books package (TR000580~587)
Social-Emotional development big books (TR000572~579)
Social and emotional flip chart (TR000599)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION – Please see Google Classroom for more information.

Schedule of Instruction

SUBJECT:

1st QUARTER – TENTATIVE COURSE CONTENT

(NB: Depending on time and interest, the teacher may delete and/or add other selections.)	
Week / Date	Topic / Projects / Assessments
Week 1 **Aug 10th to 11th** **2 Days of Class** *10 - First Day / Orientation Day*	Thursday – Orientation in the morning. M/H School regular class after lunch Welcome to K1 Getting Children ready for the upcoming year!
Week 2 **Aug 14th to 18th** *15-mass*	Unit 1: Who we are Lesson 1: Where I live Social Studies Centre: Home Photo Introduce Unit: Social Studies Flip Chart p1. The Big Question: What do you know about these pictures Learning Through Literature: I Learn and Play at school ● You can do it too Little Kangaroo
Week 3 **Aug 21st to 26th**	Unit 1: Who we are Lesson: 2: Our flag Social Studies Centre: My Flag Introduce Unit: Social Studies Flip Chart p1. The Big Questions: What do you see on the flag? Learning Through Literature: I Learn and Play at school ● Seeds of Kindness Flip Chart: All About Feelings
Week 4 **Aug 28th to 1st**	Unit 1: Who we are Lesson: 3: Our flag Topic: Visit the School Museum Social Studies Centre: One County, Many Countries Learning Through Literature: I Learn and Play at school ● Little Dog in Following Rules Flip Chart:

	● Things I Can Do
Week 5 **Sep 4th to 8th** *8-mass* *9-Moon festival*	Unit 1: Who we are Lesson 4: Visit a Museum Social Studies Centre: Then and Now Learning Through Literature: I Learn and Play at school ● Review Flip Chart: Review
Week 6 **Sep 11th to 15th** *12-14 pre-exam*	Unit 2: Friends Lesson 1: Friends Share Social Studies Centre: My Best Friend Learning Through Literature: I Work and Play with Others ● Maddie Doesn't Want to Share Flip Chart: How Can I Help in School
Week 7 **Sep 19th to 23th**	Unit 2: Friends Lesson 2: Follow the Rules Social Studies Centre: By the Rule Learning Through Literature: I Work and Play with Others ● When Lola Comes to Play Flip Chart: We all need Friends
Week 8 **Sep 25th to 28th** *25-28 Teacher's conference* *29- moon festival*	No class teachers' conference Moon festival
Week 9 **Oct 2rd to 6th** **3 Days of Class** *5-6 – Q1 Exams* (5th and 6th half days)	Unit 2: Friends Lesson 4: Visit a Principal's office Social Studies Centre: School Jobs Learning Through Literature: I Learn and Play at school ● Review Flip Chart: Work and play together - Purposeful Play Center: school

2nd QUARTER – TENTATIVE COURSE CONTENT

(NB: Depending on time and interest, the teacher may delete and/or add other selections.)	
Week / Date	**Topic / Projects / Assessments**
Week 1(10) **Oct 11th to 13th** **3 Days of Class** *10 – double 10 break*	Unit 3: Families Lesson 1: My Home Social Studies Centre: Play House Flip Chart: Family Time
Week 2 (11) **Oct 16h to 20th**	Unit3: Families Lessson2: Around The World Social Studies Centre: Building Materials Flip Chart: - Family Time
Week 3 (12) **Oct 23rd to 27th**	Unit 3: Families Lesson 3: A Family Story Social Studies Centre: Old Time Dress up Flip Chart: Family Time
Week 4 (13) **Oct 30th to Nov 3rd**	Unit 3: Families Lesson 4: Neighborhood Walk Field Trip Social Studies Centre: Build A neighborhood Flip Chart: Family Time
Week 5 (14) **Nov 6th to 10th**	Unit 4: Food Lesson 1: From Farm to Table Social Studies Centre: Make a Place setting Learning Through Literature: I Can Do It ● Look At Me Flip Chart: Working With Friends
Week 6 (15) **Nov 13th to 17th**	Unit 4: Food Lesson2: Food Jobs Social Studies Centre: Act Out a Food Job

	Learning Through Literature: I Can Do it ● Turtle's Wish Flip Chart: Let's Play Detective
Week 7 (16) **Nov 20th to 24th**	Unit 4: Food Lesson 3: Buying Things with Money Social Studies Centre: Store Learning Through Literature: I Can Do it ● Little Dog in Being Responsible Flip Chart: Time to Share
Week 8 (17) **Nov 27th to Dec 1st** *28-30 preexam days*	Unit 4: Food Lesson 4: Restaurant Field Trip Social Studies Centre: Pretend Restaurant Learning Through Literature: I Can Do it ● Review Flip Chart: Keep Trying
Week 9 (18) **Dec 4th to 8th**	Review all topics
Week 10 (19) **Dec 11th to 15th** **3 Days of Class** *14-15 – Q2 Exams* (14th and 15th half days)	Exam Week
Dec 17th to Jan 2nd	**Christmas Break**

3rd QUARTER – TENTATIVE COURSE CONTENT

(NB: Depending on time and interest, the teacher may delete and/or add other selections.)	
Week / Date	Topic / Projects / Assessments
Week 1 (20) **Jan 3rd to 5th** **3 Days of Class** *4 ~ New Year Mass*	Unit 5: Our Neighborhood Lesson1: What is on our block Social Studies Centre: Neighborhood Maze Take a walk in our school neighborhood What can you see Learning Through Literature: To market ,
Week 2 (21) **Jan 8th to 12th**	Unit 5: Our Neighborhood Lesson 1: Stores in our neighborhood Social Studies Centre: Neighborhood Maze What stores do you see? Learning Through Literature: All Trough my town
Week 3 (22) **Jan 15th to 19th**	Unit 5: Our Neighborhood Lesson 3: Different jobs you see in our neighborhood What jobs do you see in our neighborhood? Learning through Literature: My Big City
Week 4 (23) **Jan 22th to 26th**	Unit 5: Our Neighborhood Lesson 4: What community Jobs do you see? Learning Through Literature: ● Jobs people have Comprehension
Week 5 (24) **Jan 29th to Feb 2nd**	Unit 6: Transportation Lesson 1: Here and there Social Studies Centre: Bus// Plane Learning Through Literature: The Bus for Us
Week 6 (25) **Feb 5th to 17th** *3 day class*	Unit 6: Transportation Lesson 2: All types of Vehicle Social Study Centre: Explore work vehicles Learning Through Literature: Ride Away, Ride Away

Feb 8th to 16th	Chinese New Year
Week 7 (26) **Feb 19th to 23rd** *21-23 Preexam day* *19 Lent mass*	Unit 6: Transportation Lesson 3: Let's Go Social Study Centre: How we travel Learning Through Literature: Toy Boat
Week 8 (27) **Feb 26st to Mar 1st** **4 Days of Class** *28 ~ Memorial Day*	Unit 6: Transportation Lesson 4: Let's Go Social Study Centre: How we travel Learning Through Literature: Toy Boat
Week 9 (28) **Mar 4th to 8th** *8~ exam half day*	Unit 6: Transportation Lesson 5: Make you r own vehicle Learning through Literature: Where will we go/ Where Will I go?

4th QUARTER – TENTATIVE COURSE CONTENT

(NB: Depending on time and interest, the teacher may delete and/or add other selections.)	
Week / Date	Topic / Projects / Assessments
Week 1 (29) **March 11th to 15th** **4 Days of Class** *11 – Q3 Exams* *12 4th quarter begins* (11st half day)	Unit 7: Animals Lesson 1: On the farm Learning through Literature: Farms ABC
Week 2 (30) **March 18th to 22nd**	Unit 7: Animals Lesson 2: Observing Animals Learning through Literature: Duck, Duck Goose
Mar 25rd to Apr 5th	**Easter Break**
Week 3 (31) **Apr 8th to 12th** *10 Easter Mass*	Unit 7: Animals Lesson 3: Our pets Learning through Literature: Duck, Duck Goose
Week 4 (32) **Apr 15th to 19th**	Unit 8: Nature Lesson 1: Understand Glob Social Studies Centre: Land and Water Learning through Literature: Jack and the Beanstalk
Week 5 (33) **Apr 22nd to 27th** *27- spring Fair*	Unit 8: Nature Lesson 3: Different places different weather Social Studies Centre: wear Gear Learning through Literature: What Makes the seasons
Week 6 (34) **Apr 29th to May 3rd** *2~4 – Q3 Exams*	Unit 8: Nature Lesson 3: Different places different weather Social Studies Centre: wear Gear Learning through Literature: What Makes the seasons
Week 7(35) **May 6th to 10th**	Unit 8: Nature Lesson 4: Different places different people Social Studies Centre: Different People

Week 8(36) **May 13th to 17th** **2 Days of Class** *1516 – Q4 Exams* *17 record day no class*	Exam Week
Week 9 (37) **May 20th to 24th**	Exam / Graduation
Week 10 (38) **May 27th to 31st**	Graduation week