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SOCIAL STUDIES SYLLABUS

School Year	2025-2026
Subject	Social Studies
Grade Level	Pre-Kindergarten
Teacher	Ms Carol Chen
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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. From the preschool Social Study class, children develop basic knowledge of history, geography, time and space. Children are engaged in group work and classroom discussion, which help them to practice their social skills and build a foundation of how society works. 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 are included in the program.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: By the end of the semester/school year, (SWBAT) Students will be able to:

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



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PRIMARY TEXTBOOKS AND 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)



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GRADING SYSTEM/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 flash cards that represent the key vocabularies of the unit will be another oral assessment.

Check list:

- A checklist made according to the standards will *be used* to assess children's understanding after each unit.

Written Assessment:

- At the end of each semester a written exam will be given.

Observation:

- A spontaneous in-class observation will be done by the teacher as a major identification of each child's understanding of the topic.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Please always check Google Classroom for homework and announcements.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:

Academic Dishonesty means employing a method or technique or engaging in conduct in an academic endeavor that contravenes the standards of ethical integrity expected at DIS.

Academic dishonesty includes but is not limited to the following:

- Purposely incorporating the ideas, words of sentences, paragraphs, or parts thereof without appropriate acknowledgment and representing the product as one's work;
- Representing another's intellectual work, such as photographs, paintings, drawings, sculpture, research, or the like, as one's own, including failure to attribute content to an AI.
- Employing a tutor, using Artificial Intelligence without acknowledgment, getting a parent to write a paper or do an assignment, and paying for an essay to be written by someone else and presented as the student's work.
- Committing any act that a reasonable person would conclude, when informed of the evidence, to be a dishonest means of obtaining or attempting to obtain credit for academic work.

Any act of academic dishonesty will result in an automatic zero on the entire assignment/learning task.



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First Quarter Tentative Course Content

Week/Date	Topic/Projects/Assessments
Week 1 (August 12 to 15) <u>4 days of class</u> 12-General Assembly at the Gymnasium 15-Opening Mass & Assumption of Our Lady	Tuesday– Orientation in the morning. Welcome to K1 Getting Children ready for the upcoming year!
Week 2 (August 18 to 22) 18-St. Dominic de Guzman Feast Day Celebration) Integrated during the Monday Assembly 20- House Shirt & Blue Jeans Day Starts 22- Club Orientation and Club Sign-up	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 (August 25 to 29) 27- High School Talk - "Kickstart Your Success: Winning Mindsets for a Great School Year" 29- First Club Meeting	Unit 1: Who we are Lesson: 2: Our flag Social Studies Centre: My Flag Introduce Unit: Social Studies Flip Chart p1.



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	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 (September 1 to 5) 1- Launching of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (During the Monday Assembly) 1-AP Registration 3- AEO Fall University Fair 5- House Ceremony	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 (September 8 to 12) 8- Holy Mass: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary & VIP Induction 10- House Mini Games Start	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



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	Review Flip Chart: Review
Week 6 (September 15 to 19) 15- Catholic Bridge Program for all New Students (After the Monday Assembly at the Gymnasium) 19- Athletics / Sports Orientation 19- PSAT/NMSQT Registration deadline	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 7 (September 22 to 26) 22- Celebration of the International Day of Peace-Peace Pole Ceremony (During the Monday Assembly) Teacher's Day Celebration & 26-Teachers' Appreciation 26- Grade 12 Career Educational Trip 24 to 26-Pre-Exam Days	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 (September 29 to October 3) 29- Launching of the Month of the Holy	Half Day- No class



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Rosary (During the Monday Assembly) Oct. 1-2- First Quarter Exam (half day)	
<i>Oct. 3-DIS Teachers and Staff Recognition Day/ Record Day Recollection for Aunties and Uncles (no classes for students)</i>	

Second Quarter Tentative Course Content

Week/Date	Topic/Projects/Assessments
<i>6-Moon Festival (no classes)</i>	
<i>7-9 Teacher's Conference (no classes)</i>	
Week 1 (11) (October 13 to 17) 13- Second Quarter Begins 13- Start of New Applicant Enrollment for 2nd Semester 14- Visit of Mother Mary to Classrooms (During the morning prayer) 15- AP Exam Only Registration Deadline 15- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep 17- PSAT/NMSQT Digital Exam	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
Week 2 (12) (October 20 to 24) 20- Jubilee: Marian Exhibit Opening (After the Monday Assembly) 20- Campus Safety Talk for Students 24- Book Fair (Senior	Unit 3: Families Lesson 1: My Home Social Studies Centre: Play House



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Escape Room)	Flip Chart: Family Time
Week 3 (13) (October 27 to 31) 29- Grade 11 Career Educational Trip Oct. 31 to Nov. 1- Gr.6 SEL Camp	Unit3: Families Lesson 2: Around The World Social Studies Centre: Building Materials Flip Chart: Family Time
Week 4 (14) (November 3 to 7) 3- Feast of St. Martin de Porres Mass (integrated during the Monday Assembly) 5- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep	Unit 3: Families Lesson 3: A Family Story Social Studies Centre: Old Time Dress up Flip Chart: Family Time
Week 5 (15) (November 10 to 14) 14- Health Week 14- VIP-Parent Learning Community	Unit 3: Families Lesson 4: Neighborhood Walk Field Trip Social Studies Centre: Build A neighborhood Flip Chart: Family Time
Week 6 (16) (November 17 to 21) 17- Launching of Mental Health and Anti-Bullying Month 21- Young Shakespeare Play Writing and Performing Contest	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



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Week 7 (17) (November 24 to 28) 24- Peace Pole Day (Monday Assembly) 24- Lighting of the Christmas Tree after school (Campus Min/ ECA/ D' Torch Orchestra/ Religious Studies) (Afternoon) 25-27- Pre-Exam Days 27- Thanksgiving Potluck after school for teachers and staff 27- Thanksgiving Family Day 28- Gr. 12 Second Quarter Exam	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
<i>Nov. 29 Invitation for All: The Jubilee Pilgrimage to Taipei (Saturday)</i>	
Week 8 (18) (December 1 to 5) 1- First Week of Advent: Lighting of First Advent Candle (During the Monday Assembly) 3- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep 5- Nativity Play (Collaboration with Campus Ministry) 5- Christmas Fair Whole Day	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 9 (19) (December 8 to 12) 8- Foundation Day Mass, cake ceremony, and Class Party (half day) 8- Solemnity of the Immaculate	Review all units



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Conception 8- Second Week of Advent 10- Gr. 12 Advent Immersion 11 and 12- Second Quarter Exam (half day)	
<i>December 13 Invitation for All: Advent Recollection @DIS (Saturday)</i>	
<i>December 15 to January 2 Christmas Break</i>	

Third Quarter Tentative Course Content

Week/Date	Topic/Projects/Assessments
<i>January 5- Record Day (No Classes for students)</i>	
Week 1 (20) (January 5 to 9) 5- PSAT 8/9 Registration Starts 6- Third Quarter Begins 7- Monthly Career Talk-College Prep 9- New Year Mass at 8:00	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 2 (21) (January 12 to 16) 16- Club Orientation & Sign Up	Unit 5: Our Neighborhood Lesson1: What is on our block Social Studies Centre: Neighborhood Maze Take a walk in our school neighborhood



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	What can you see Learning Through Literature: To market
Week 3 (22) (January 19 to 23) 19-23- Individual Yearbook Photoshoot for Students 19-23- Career Awareness Week 22- Grade 9 Career Educational trip 23- First Club Meeting for 2nd Semester	Unit 5: Our Neighborhood Lesson 1: Stores in our neighborhood Social Studies Centre: Neighborhood Maze What stores do you see? Learning Through Literature: All Through My Town
Week 4 (23) (January 26 to 30) 26- Feast Day of St. Thomas Aquinas/Launching of the Catholic Week 26-28- Aquinas Conference: Science and Faith 26-30- Catholic Week Activities 30- DYM Charity Concert	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 5 (24) (February 2 to 6) 1-4- WASC Mid-Cycle Visit 4- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep 6-7- SUA0 Recollection for MS	Unit 5: Our Neighborhood Lesson 4: What community Jobs do you see? Learning Through Literature: Jobs people have
Week 6 (25) (February 9 to 13) 9- Start of New Applicant Enrollment for 1st Semester for SY2025-26	Unit 6: Transportation Lesson 1: Here and there



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13- PSAT 8/9 Registration Deadline 13- House Valentine's Mini Fair 13- Chinese New Year Celebration	Social Studies Centre: Bus/ Plane Learning Through Literature: The Bus for Us
<i>February 16-20 Chinese New Year Holiday</i>	
Week 7 (26) (February 23 to 26) 23-26- IOWA Assessments 23- Student Council Application 24-26- Pre-Exam Days	Unit 6: Transportation Lesson 2: All types of Vehicle Social Study Centre: Explore work vehicles Learning Through Literature: Ride Away, Ride Away
<i>February 27 Memorial Day Holiday (no classes)</i>	
Week 8 (27) (March 2 to 6) 3- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep 6- PSAT 8/9 System Installation and Practice Test	Unit 6: Transportation Lesson 3: Let's Go Social Study Centre: How we travel Learning Through Literature: Toy Boat
Week 9 (28) (March 9 to 13) 13 and 16- Third Quarter Exam (half day)	Unit 6: Transportation Lesson 4: Let's Go Social Study Centre: How we travel Learning Through Literature: Toy Boat

Fourth Quarter Tentative Course Content

Week/Date	Topic/Projects/Assessments
Week 1 (29) (March 16 to 20)	Unit 6: Transportation



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16- Third Quarter Exam (half day) 16-20- Faculty & Staff Yearbook Photo 17- Fourth Quarter Begins 18-21- EARCOS Teachers' Conference 19- Lectio Divina and Feast of St. Joseph 20- Parents Learning Community Meeting 20- Kindilympics 20-House Movie Night and Club Fair	Lesson 5: Make your own vehicle Learning through Literature: Where will we go/ Where will I go?
<i>March 21 (Saturday) Spring Fair</i>	
Week 2 (30) (March 23 to 27) 23-27 Student Leaders Applicant Interviews 26- Annual Visit to World Religion Museum Gr. 11 27- Lower School Readers Theatre	Unit 7: Animals Lesson 1: On the farm Learning through Literature: Farms ABC
<i>March 30 to April 6 Easter/Spring Break</i>	
Week 3 (31) (April 7 to 10) 7- Spring University Fair 9- Easter Mass 9- Easter Egg Hunt for Lower School Students	Unit 7: Animals Lesson 2: Observing Animals Learning through Literature: Duck, Duck Goose
Week 4 (32) (April 13 to 17) 13 Laudato Si Month Launching (During the Monday Assembly) 13-30 Laudato Si	Unit 7: Animals Lesson 3: Our pets



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Month Activities 13-17- Class Photo Taking 17- AP Chinese/Japanese Practice Test	Learning through Literature: Duck, Duck Goose
Week 5 (33) (April 20 to 24) 20-24 Cultural Awareness Week / Art Exhibit / Earth Week 24- Music Recital 20-24 Student Council Campaign 20-24 AP Mock Exams	Unit 8: Nature Lesson 1: Understand Glob Social Studies Centre: Land and Water Learning through Literature: Jack and the Beanstalk
Week 6 (34) (April 27 to 30) 27- Student Council Elections 27-30 Senior Project Presentations 28-30 Pre-Exam Days	Unit 8: Nature Lesson 3: Different places different weather Social Studies Centre: Wear Gear Learning through Literature: What Makes the seasons
<i>May 1: Labor Day Public Holiday</i>	
Week 7 (35) (May 4 to 8) 4- May Crowning & Mother's Day Celebration (During the Monday Assembly) 4-14 Final Exams (K, Gr. 5, 8, & 12 Only) 4-15 AP Exams	Exam Week
Week 8 (36) (May 11 to 15) 13 and 14- Fourth Quarter	Unit 8: Nature Lesson 4: Different places different people



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Exam—Undergraduate (half day) 14-16 Student Leaders Retreat Days	Social Studies Centre: Different People
<i>May 15 Record Day (No Classes for students) Final Deliberation for Graduating/Promoting Classes</i>	
Week 9 (37) (May 18 to 22) 18- Gr. 5 Recollection & Mass 19- Gr. 8 Recollection & Mass 20- Gr. 12 Recollection 20- Baccalaureate Mass (Whole School) 18-21 WIDA Testing 19- Lower School Sports Day / Gr. 6 & 7 School Field Trip 19- Gr. 9 - 11 - "Senior Success Forum: Inspiring the Next Generation" 19-22 Student Clearance Days 21- Middle & High School Sports Day 21- High School Field Trip 22- House Culminating Activity 20-22 Final Deliberation for Non-Graduating Classes 22- Student Leaders One Day Recollection / Turn Over Ceremony	Recollection of lessons: Growing up and transitions
Week 10 (38) (May 25 to 29)	Graduation Week and Celebrations



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25- Kindergarten
Graduation/Gr. 5
Promotion
26- LS Field Trip
26- Gr. 8 Graduation
and Gr. 12 Graduation
27- Pre-Kindergarten
& Gr. 1 - 4, 6 & 7, 9-11
Recognition
Last Day of School,
Report Card 28-
Distribution, & Class
Party (half day)
29- Last day for
Teachers/Staff
Meeting

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