

Second Grade Curriculum Guide for Parents Social Studies

In the grade 2 social studies program, students explore rural, urban, and suburban communities, concentrating on communities in the United States. The student's own community can serve as an example for studying about and understanding other communities. Students study about communities from the perspectives of the five social studies learning standards. Community studies should include content examples from cultures other than the students' own, and from a variety of perspectives including geographic, socioeconomic, and ethnic. Students continue to learn how to locate places on maps and globes and how different communities are influenced by geographic and environmental factors. They also study about the rights and responsibilities of citizenship in their communities.

COMMUNITIES

- I. Understands that communities differ from place to place
- II. Understands that communities exist in areas with different geographical features in the U.S.

ECONOMICS AND DECISION MAKING

- I. Understands the challenges of meeting needs and wants

CIVIC VALUES AND DECISION MAKING

- I. Understands that people in communities develop rules and laws to govern and protect community members
- II. Understands that citizens in communities have rights and responsibilities
- III. Understands symbols of citizenship