



**SOCIAL STUDIES**  
Elementary School: Grade K

**Essential Course Information**

- Course Revision
- Full Year

**Course Overview**

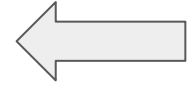
This course allows for Social Studies to be explored in a manner appropriate for our youngest learners: learning about their world around them. Students will not only learn more about themselves but begin to make connections with others and their world. Students will be engaged with project based learning activities and present their findings to others.

Unit	Estimated Class Time	Overview
Unit 1 Me, My Class & My Community	3-4 months	In this introductory unit students will learn about themselves, their school and their local community. Students will learn about cooperation, fairness and being a good citizen. Students will also explore the difference between needs and wants within their own life and their community. <a href="#">Unit 1</a>
Unit 2 Culture and Traditions in our World	3-4 months	In this unit students will explore their own culture and traditions. They will explore not only their own culture but will learn about the culture and traditions of those around them and build respect for others. Students will learn about other traditions and cultures within our country and around the world. Important components such as family traditions, nation symbols, national leaders and holidays as well as cultural traditions will be covered. <a href="#">Unit 2</a>
Unit 3 Our World Then and Now	3-4 months	In this unit students will explore our world from different views. They will be able to see how history is important to their lives and how people and places have changed from the past. Students will be able to determine the similarities and differences between the past and today. Certain tools such as timelines, maps, and exploration of earth's resources will be a critical part of this unit to help students see our world then and now. <a href="#">Unit 3</a>

# Content Continuum

**K**

Kindergarten Social Studies



**1**

Grade 1 Social Studies

**2**

Grade 2 Social Studies

## INSTRUCTIONAL / SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

1. Textbook: Savvas My World! You and Your Family
2. Supplemental readings and online resources to enhance understanding of course content and skills:
  - The NJ Amistad Commission
  - Learning for Justice
  - Pebblego
3. All existing resources will be evaluated for alignment to new curriculum.

## KEY FEATURES OF REVISION

- Social studies curriculum was last revised in 2018.
- Student access to digital resources has expanded greatly.
- Alignment to the 2022 NJSL Social Studies.
- Integration of diverse texts within the curriculum.
- Incorporations of activities and assessments that develop 21st century skills.

***Differentiation strategies will be included***

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