



Snapshot of a Kindergarten Student: Social Studies

The Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS) Social Studies program prepares students to participate as constructive citizens in a democratic society. Students understand their role and responsibility as citizens. They discover America's heritage and its role and responsibility in the world. Students relate the past to the present. They learn the similarities and differences between nations, cultures, and peoples of the world. Students interpret maps and globes, process information, and solve problems. Themes of study in GCPS' Academic Knowledge and Skills (AKS) curriculum for Social Studies include beliefs and ideas influence decisions and laws, and beliefs determine decision-makers; conflict causes change; culture is the product of society; actions affect society; and the movement of ideas and people affects everyone.

Students entering Kindergarten should be able to:

- Follow rules and engage in appropriate social behavior
- Describe his/her family structure
- Describe similarity between self and others
- Create simple representations of home and community and describe the attributes
- Complete jobs to contribute to the community and communicate why it is important
- Describe the roles and responsibilities of a variety of occupations
- Begin to understand how people interact economically
- Explore the use of technology
- Describes a sequence of events differentiating between past, present and future

Home Support:

- Set routines and rules for everyday activities
- Use pictures of family members to talk about similarities and differences between people
- Give your child jobs to complete
- Read fiction and non-fiction books that feature different occupations
- When you purchase items, talk to your child about what you are doing and why
- Model good citizenship
- Use pictures to talk with your child about past, present and future
- Explore the use of technology with your child