



Shakopee Area Catholic School
Social Studies Standards and Benchmarks
Grade Level: 3
Communities

History

Students will develop an understanding of the importance of history in a community.

1. Define the concept of community.
2. Explore the history of a community.
3. Define the concept of culture and relate it to the community.
4. Explain how celebrations are an important part of the history of a community.
5. Understand how communities are historically alike and different today.

Geography

Students will develop an understanding of the geography of a community.

1. Describe the geography of a community.
2. Compare and contrast communities across the United States.
3. Relate the geographic location of a community to the local area, the state, and the country.
4. Obtain information about the geography and history of a community from print and visual sources.
5. Demonstrate how to read a map of a community.

Civics and Government

Students will develop an understanding of civic life, politics, and government of the United States.

1. Explain the differences and similarities of communities throughout the state.
2. Recognize the differences and similarities of communities throughout the United States.
3. Describe the differences and similarities of communities throughout the world.
4. Identify services commonly provided by local governments and how they are financed.
5. Understand the difference between making laws, carrying out laws, and determining if laws have been violated.
6. Identify the governmental bodies that perform these functions at the local, state, and national levels.

Students will develop an understanding of citizenship and its rights and responsibilities.

1. Identify the importance of voting as a civic responsibility.
2. Understand the voting process as it applies to communities.

Economics

Students will develop an understanding of how communities work in the economy.

1. Identify ways of spending and saving money.
2. Explain how people make choices about goods and services.
3. Explain how supply and demand affect the price of a good or service.
4. Explain how the cost of production and selling price affects profits.
5. Give examples of how a simple business operates.

Psychology

Students will develop an understanding of a community from various perspectives.

6. Discuss ways that cultural groups are alike and different and ways that they work together and cooperate.
7. Explain that Americans are a people of diverse ethnic origins, customs, and traditions.
8. Give examples of how a community is affected by its geographical location.
9. Discuss how pride and culture affect a community.