

△ SOCIAL STUDIES KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS

Social Studies Knowledge & Skills refers to understanding people and how they relate to others and the world around them. Social studies helps children to understand themselves, their families, and communities. Through learning experiences related to history, culture, and the environment, children enhance their self-identity and expand their experiences beyond the walls of their home and early childhood setting. In the domain of Social Studies Knowledge & Skills, programs need to ensure that children who are dual language learners can demonstrate their abilities, skills, and knowledge in any language, including their home language.

KEY △ = Domain ► = Domain Element • = Example

The domain elements for Social Studies Knowledge & Skills for 3 to 5 year olds are:

► SELF, FAMILY & COMMUNITY

The understanding of one's relationship to the family and community, roles in the family and community, and respect for diversity.

- Identifies personal and family structure.
- Understands similarities and respects differences among people.
- Recognizes a variety of jobs and the work associated with them.
- Understands the reasons for rules in the home and classroom and for laws in the community.
- Describes or draws aspects of the geography of the classroom, home, and community.

► PEOPLE & THE ENVIRONMENT

The understanding of the relationship between people and the environment in which they live.

- Recognizes aspects of the environment, such as roads, buildings, trees, gardens, bodies of water, or land formations.
- Recognizes that people share the environment with other people, animals, and plants.
- Understands that people can take care of the environment through activities, such as recycling.

► HISTORY & EVENTS

The understanding that events happened in the past and how these events relate to one's self, family, and community.

- Differentiates between past, present, and future.
- Recognizes events that happened in the past, such as family or personal history.
- Understands how people live and what they do changes over time.