

SOCIAL STUDIES

A child needs to understand his/her place in this complex world. They are part of a family, home, neighborhood, classroom, and school community. The young child learns to value his/her role in each of these communities. The young child develops a sense of tolerance and respect towards culturally diverse people and begins to foster a caring attitude.



Social Skills - Interpersonal

All children will develop self-awareness and interpersonal relationship skills.

Children will:

- demonstrate manners and courtesy.
- learn basic self-identity information:
 - name
 - address
 - date of birth
 - phone number.
- develop respect for people and property within the following environments:
 - home
 - classroom
 - school
 - neighborhood.
- assist the teacher in creating a list of appropriate classroom behaviors.

Social Skills – Family Values

All children will develop an awareness of family and family traditions.

Children will:

- name familiar holidays.
- associate activities and customs with familiar holidays.
- identify names of close family members.
- understand the role and career of family members.

Community/Career Awareness

All children will develop community and career awareness.

Children will:

- understand family members can also be community helpers.
- associate a job description to pictures of community helpers.
- listen to community workers speak about their role in the community.
- experience field trips to various places in the community.
example: fire station, post office.

Economics

All children will develop an awareness of the economic process and consumerism.

Children will:

- demonstrate the role of a store worker and the consumer through dramatic play sequence.
- plan a healthy snack menu during center time.
- associate a money value to an item.
example: paper plates, napkins, food.

Multi-Cultural Awareness

All children will explore their own and other cultures.

Children will:

- respect and be comfortable with the cultural diversity within his/her peer group.
- welcome family members of various cultures as storytellers in the classroom.
- participate in a multicultural event sharing ethnic foods.

Environmental Awareness

All children will develop an awareness of environmental issues.

Children will:

- develop a list of materials that belong in the recycling center.
- create a bulletin board using recyclable materials.
- design a recycling center within their classroom.