TOWNSHIP OF UNION PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Social Studies Grade 2

Curriculum Guide Updated June 18, 2019

Mission Statement

The mission of the Township of Union Public Schools is to build on the foundations of honesty, excellence, integrity, strong family, and community partnerships. We promote a supportive learning environment where every student is challenged, inspired, empowered, and respected as diverse learners. Through cultivation of students' intellectual curiosity, skills and knowledge, our students can achieve academically and socially, and contribute as responsible and productive citizens of our global community.

Philosophy Statement

The Township of Union Public School District, as a societal agency, reflects democratic ideals and concepts through its educational practices. It is the belief of the Board of Education that a primary function of the Township of Union Public School System is to formulate a learning climate conducive to the needs of all students in general, providing therein for individual differences. The school operates as a partner with the home and community.

Course Description

The grade two social studies curriculum is based on the New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Social Studies. The learning objectives serve as a framework of the social studies content and are the foundation for the course. These objectives state what content and processes students will be able to do at the conclusion of their social studies experience. Higher-level thinking processes have been incorporated into the objectives. In addition, lessons in friendship, respect, and tolerance have been included in conjunction with NJSA Holocaust/Genocide Education and the NJSA Amistad Curriculum. Teachers are encouraged to go beyond the standards and select instructional strategies and assessment methods appropriate for their students.

Curriculum Units/Pacing Guide

Unit # / Title	Number of Days
Unit 1: Culture	36
Unit 2: Geography	36
Unit 3: History	36
Unit 4: Economics	36
Unit 5: Citizenship	36

Unit Standards Overview

6.1 U.S. History: America in the World All students will acquire the knowledge and skills to think analytically about how past and present interactions of people, cultures, and the environment shape the American heritage. Such knowledge and skills enable students to make informed decisions that reflect fundamental rights and core democratic values as productive citizens in local, national, and global communities.

- **6.2 World History/Global Studies** All students will acquire the knowledge and skills to think analytically and systematically about how past interactions of people, cultures, and the environment affect issues across time and cultures. Such knowledge and skills enable students to make informed decisions as socially and ethically responsible world citizens in the 21st century.
- **6.3 Active Citizenship in the 21st Century** All students will acquire the skills needed to be active, informed citizens who value diversity and promote cultural understanding by working collaboratively to address the challenges that are inherent in living in an interconnected world.

Curricular Units Unit 1: Culture

Essential Questions/ Standards	Instructional Objectives/ Skills and Benchmarks(CPIs)	Activities
How do we live together?	Understand we belong to various groups, and that those groups have rules to help us get along.	Have students make a list of all the groups at home, at school, in the community, and elsewhere to which they belong. Create a class list on the board.
Why do groups have rules?	Understand that we all belong to communities. The people of the community vote on the laws.	On index cards write different situations in which a person might be a good citizen. Divide the class into groups giving each group a card. Invite them to discuss ways someone could be a good citizen in the situation.
Why do people vote?	Understand that there are three	Organize students in groups. They will act as tour guides who will lead a tour of a city and suburb making a list of tour highlights.
How are people different and how do those differences make us special?	kinds of communities-urban, suburban, and rural- and how they are different from each other	Give students copies of the lyrics to the song "Tradition" from Fiddler on the Roof. Read each stanza with the students discussing what the lyrics say about the traditional roles of each family member.
NJSLS-SS 6.1, 6.2, 6.3	Understand that special ways of doing things make up customs, traditions, and culture.	With the class, make a list famous artists, inventors, scientists, and musicians. Discuss how these people make communities better places to live.
(NJSA 18A:35-28	Understand that many different types of people make up a community.	Activities/Read Alouds from Caring Makes a Difference K-8 Curriculum Guide and The Amistad Commission's Literacy Components for Primary Grades: The Patchwork Quilt, Yettele's Feathers (Links Below)
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Unit 2: Geography

Essential Questions/Standards	Instructional Objectives/ Skills and	Activities
	Benchmarks_(CPIs)	
How do we find out about places on Earth?	Understand that location is how we describe where places and things are.	Have students illustrate their bedrooms on a given grid. Discuss the location of specific items using words such as 'near' and 'next to'.
Why is it important to understand location?	Identify the connections between state, country, continent, and the world.	Have students sketch an outline of their state. Brainstorm with the students the types of information they should put on their maps (cities, bodies of water, etc.) Using books and materials have students make their maps including as many
How can we save natural resources?	Identify the differences between landforms and different bodies of water in the United States.	items as possible.
NJSLS-SS		Post a large outline map of the United States. Have students locate as many
6.2, 6.3	 Understand the features of the four seasons. Identify different types of dangerous weather. 	land and water forms in the United States as they can.
(NJSA 18A:35-28	Understand that natural resources	Using page 29 as a guide, invite students to divide a piece of paper into fourths
Holocaust/Genocide)	are things that occur in nature that we use. Identify examples of resources	and draw the picture of each tree. Then have them illustrate themselves under
The Amistad Bill (A1301)	that can be easily replaced and ones that cannot.	each tree participating in an activity for that season. Students should include as many details as they can.
		Using books and other materials, help children find out what state agency is in charge of natural resources
		Activities/Read Alouds from Caring Makes a Difference K-8 Curriculum

	Guide and The Amistad Commission's Literacy Components for Primary Grades: Follow the Drinking Gourd (Link Below)
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Unit 3: History

Essential Questions/Standards	Instructional Objectives/ Skills and	Activities
	Benchmarks_(CPIs)	
	 Understand that there are many differences between life long ago and life today. 	Draw a picture of transportation from the past and from the future.
How did people from long ago make a difference?	Understand the different groups that settled in different areas.	 Help students find books about Native Americans. Make up stories about what it was like to live in the early days of America.
What are some ways that we communicate with each other?	 Understand why settlers left England. Identify King George, 	Write a letter to King George or Paul Revere.
communicate with each other?	Paul Revere, and the Declaration of Independence.	Brainstorm what it would be like to be a king or queen in the 1700s.
What makes a good leader?	 Understand that pioneers explored the west, sometimes pushing Native Americans off their land. 	Have students pretend to be explorers. Keep a journal of what was seen, people met, and plants and animals interacted with.
	Understand the conflict of the Civil War. Identify Harriet	Students complete the writing prompt: Harriet Tubman's story is significant because
NJSLS-SS	Tubman, President Lincoln,	Activities/Read Alouds from Caring Makes a
6.1, 6.2	slavery, and the Underground Railroad.	Difference K-8 Curriculum Guide and The Amistad Commission's Literacy Components for Primary Grades: Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom, Freedom's School (Links Below)
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Unit 4: Economics

Essential Questions/Standards	Instructional Objectives/ Skills and Benchmarks(CPIs)	Activities
How do we get the things we need and want?	 Understand the difference between wants and needs. Identify ways to save money when money is scarce. Understand that people do a variety of jobs to earn money. 	 Create a class list of needs and wants. List services workers on the board. Have students draw a picture of those types of service workers and label their drawing.
What are some areas where technology can help us?	rainety or jobe to earn meney.	 Have students draw a picture or write showing something that they learned about farming and selling produce.
NJSLS-SS	 Note that goods can be grown on a farm, made at home, or produced in a factory. Understand trading with other countries. 	 Activities/Read Alouds from Caring Makes a Difference K-8 Curriculum Guide and The Amistad Commission's Literacy Components for Primary Grades: If I Only Had a Horn: Young Louis Armstrong (Link Below)
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Why do we need government?	 Understand that the state government is organized like our federal government with a leader, lawmakers, and judges. Identify state symbols. Identify the leader of a city as the major. Identify the three 	 Identify state flag, nickname, motto, seal, flower, and bird. Learn the words to the state song. Identify the mayor and write letters to the mayor. Have students pretend they are from another country and visiting the U.S. Have them write letters to their friends describing the trip to the U.S. and the Statue
Why should we follow rules?	parts of a local government.	of Liberty.
NJSLS-SS 6.1, 6.3	 Understand the meaning of justice and how it is represented in our symbols. Identify immigrants want to live in the United States. 	Activities/Read Alouds from Caring Makes a Difference K-8 Curriculum Guide and The Amistad Commission's Literacy Components for Primary Grades: Grace For President (Link Below)
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