**Social Studies Essential Standards**

**Kindergarten**

* **History**

Understand change over time

* + Explain how people change over time (self and others)
  + Explain how seasons change over time
  + Explain the impact of how life brings change (new sibling, new house, new school, new job, etc.)
* **Geography and Environmental Literacy**

Use geographic representations and terms to describe surroundings

* + Use maps to locate places in the classroom, school, and home
  + Use globes and maps to locate land and water features
  + Identify physical features (mountains, hills, rivers, lakes, roads, etc.)
  + Identify locations in the classroom using positional words (near/far, left/right, above/beneath, etc.)

Understand the interaction between humans and the environment

* Explain how people adapt to weather conditions
* Explain ways people use environmental resources to meet basic needs and

wants (shelter, food, clothing, etc.)

* **Economics and Financial Literacy**

Understand basic economic concepts

* + Explain how families have needs and wants
  + Explain how jobs help people meet their needs and wants
* **Civics and Governance**

Understand the roles of a citizen

* + Exemplify positive relationships through fair play and friendship
  + Explain why citizens obey rules in the classroom, school, home, and neighborhood
* **Culture**

Understand how individuals are similar and different

* + Explain similarities in self and others
  + Explain the elements of culture (how people speak and/or dress, foods they eat, etc.)