

KINDERGARTEN

CONCEPTUAL STRANDS	ESSENTIAL UNDERSTANDINGS
PLACES and ENVIRONMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ People live in different types of homes. ▪ Shelters of families are different from different parts of the world. ▪ All living things use the earth. ▪ People depend on and interact with the physical environment. ▪ The globe is a model of the Earth. ▪ The map is a picture of a real place as seen from above. ▪ Earth is the planet on which we all live. ▪ Symbols are used on a map (picture).
INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS, and INSTITUTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Everyone is unique. ▪ People are alike and different. ▪ People all over the world belong to families. ▪ Families are alike and different. ▪ Families care for one another. ▪ Living in the city is different from living in the country. ▪ Children and adults have different roles in a family. ▪ Children and adults have different roles in school. ▪ People make friends everywhere. ▪ Different cultures have their own celebrations. ▪ Some families celebrate holidays and traditions. ▪ Families pass on their cultural ways of living and beliefs. ▪ Children from around the world go to school. ▪ Immigrants and their families add to the cultural traditions in the US.
POWER, AUTHORITY, and GOVERNANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ People need rules. ▪ Rules are at home and at school. ▪ Fair means based on the same rules. ▪ Signs and symbols are pictures that remind us of rules, laws or real things. ▪ There is a connection between rights and responsibilities. ▪ Voting is a responsibility of citizenship. * ▪ There are leaders at home and at school. ▪ Civic leaders have roles. ▪ People follow steps to resolve a conflict. * ▪ US leaders meet with leaders of other countries to try to solve problems together.
PRODUCTION, CONSUMPTION, and DISTRIBUTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There is a difference between a need and a want. ▪ A neighborhood has different jobs in it. ▪ People work to pay for basic needs and other things. ▪ People save money to meet their needs and wants.
SOCIETY, SCIENCE, and TECHNOLOGY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Inventors try to make life better or easier for people. ▪ Inventions cause change.
CITIZENSHIP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ People follow steps to resolve a conflict. * ▪ Responsibility is a duty. ▪ Voting is a responsibility of citizenship.* ▪ People in the United States say the Pledge of Allegiance to show their loyalty to their country. ▪ The American flag and the Bald Eagle are symbols for American values. ▪ We honor our country. ▪ Proud means to be full of respect for someone or something. ▪ Honor is to show special respect.
GLOBAL CONNECTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ People speak different languages. ▪ People communicate in a variety of ways. ▪ People of the world are alike and different. ▪ Different cultures have different traditions. ▪ Goods can come from other countries. ▪ People from the United States come from all over the world.