

Saint Theresa of Avila School- West Roxbury, MA

Curriculum Maps

Subject: Social Studies	Grade: 2
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Time Frame	Essential Question	Topic	Content	Resources	Assessments	Standards
September	What are different types of communities? Why do communities have rules and laws?	Living in a Neighborhood, communities	Urban, rural, and suburban communities, rules and laws in a community.	My World- Pearson Text  Teacher created materials and worksheet  Scholastic News Articles and worksheets	My World worksheets and teacher created assessments  Scholastic News Assessments	MA 2.T1 MA 2.T2
October	What is our Nation's capital? Why do we celebrate Columbus Day? How do I talk about location? How do I use maps to locate places and things? How is earth shown on a globe and a world map? How do I identify different kinds of lands and water?	Civics in the context of geography: countries and government	Comparing different communities, Map skills (Mexico and Canada border the US, states that border Massachusetts, Washington D.C. is our Nation's capital). Continents and oceans, Map Keys, major rivers, mountain ranges, and landforms	My World- Pearson Text  Teacher created materials and worksheet  Scholastic News Articles and worksheets	My World worksheets and teacher created assessments  Scholastic News Assessments	MA 2.T.2 MA 2.T.1
November	What are the different types of Native American cultures? Why do we celebrate Thanksgiving? Why do we celebrate	Thanksgiving Veteran's Day	Veterans are people who served our country. The US military is made up of 5 branches, we always celebrate it on November 11.	My World- Pearson Text  Teacher created materials and worksheet	My World worksheets and teacher created assessments  Scholastic News Assessments	MA 2.T3

	Veterans day? What are some character traits of a veteran?		The history of Thanksgiving (Wampanoag and Pilgrims, Plymouth, MA)	Scholastic News Articles and worksheets	Writing Assessment: Compare and contrast the life of a Wampanoag to a Pilgrim	
<b>December</b>	How is Christmas celebrated in different countries around the world?	Christmas Traditions around the world	The Christmas tree originates from 16th century Germany (boughs, evergreen, tinsel).  Students compare and contrast Christmas traditions and customs in American to around the world	My World- Pearson Text  Teacher created materials and worksheet  Scholastic News Articles and worksheets	My World worksheets and teacher created assessments  Scholastic News Assessments  Writing Assessment: Compare and contrast Christmas traditions in America to around the world	MA 2. RI.1 MA 2. RI.4 MA 2. RI.5 MA 2. RI.6
<b>January</b>	Who is Martin Luther King Jr.? Why is Martin Luther King Jr. important?	Martin Luther King Jr.	Students build a timeline and research photographs for the timeline with significant dates in Martin Luther King Jr. life (born, college, graduate school, marriage, children, speeches, ordained minister, etc.)	My World- Pearson Text  Teacher created materials and worksheet  Scholastic News Articles and worksheets	My World worksheets and teacher created assessments  Scholastic News Assessments  Martin Luther King Jr. Timeline	MA 2. RI.1 MA 2. RI.4 MA 2. RI.5 MA 2. RI.6
<b>February</b>	What do Presidents do? Why are Presidents important? How did Lincoln and Washington help to change our country?	National Holiday: President's Day (Washington and Lincoln)	George Washington was our Nation's first President, Abraham Lincoln was President during the civil war and helped end the civil war	My World- Pearson Text  Teacher created materials and worksheet  Scholastic News Articles and worksheets	My World worksheets and teacher created assessments  Scholastic News Assessments	MA 2.T4
<b>March</b>	What type of language, music, food, and art do cultures share? How do different	History: migrations and cultures	Learning about the past, Customs in our country, Immigrants and Pioneers	My World- Pearson Text	My World worksheets and teacher created assessments	MA 2.T3

	cultures make our country special? Why are national holidays important? How is America's culture passed on and shared through stories?			Teacher created materials and worksheet  Scholastic News Articles and worksheets	Scholastic News Assessments	
<b>April</b>	How do people get what they need?	Economics: Resources and choices	Wants v. Needs , Making good choices, Producers v. consumers, goods and services, taxes, making choices about money, supply and demand	My World- Pearson Text  Teacher created materials and worksheet  Scholastic News Articles and worksheets	My World worksheets and teacher created assessments  Scholastic News Assessments	MA 2.T5
<b>May</b>	How does life change throughout history?	Technology has changed the way people live	What types of histories do people and communities have? How has technology changed the way people live?	My World- Pearson Text  Teacher created materials and worksheet  Scholastic News Articles and worksheets	My World worksheets and teacher created assessments  Scholastic News Assessments	MA 2.T5
<b>June</b>	What are important holidays in our country? Why are national holidays meaningful?	Memorial Day Flag Day	A national holiday is a holiday that is established by law and is usually a non-working holiday.  Memorial Day is a national holiday where we honor those who have died for our country in the military.	My World- Pearson Text  Teacher created materials and worksheet  Scholastic News Articles and worksheets	My World worksheets and teacher created assessments  Scholastic News Assessments	MA 2. T4