

Social Studies and Community Awareness Curriculum

Infant Through Preschool Program

Social studies experiences support social-emotional development, cultural awareness, community understanding, relationships, diversity, and early social learning through developmentally appropriate activities and daily interactions.

Age Group	Activity Type	Developmental Focus	Examples of Activities	Duration	Frequency
6 Weeks-12 Months	Familiar Relationships	Emotional security, social bonding	Family photos, caregiver interaction	5 Minutes	Daily
12-24 Months	Community Awareness	Familiarity with helpers and routines	Learning about family, pets, helpers	5-10 Minutes	2 Times Weekly
2-3 Years	Community and Culture	Social awareness, belonging	Neighborhood discussions, holidays, cultural celebrations	10 Minutes	2-3 Times Weekly
3-4 Years	Early Social Studies	Diversity, community roles, traditions	Maps, community helpers, multicultural activities	15-20 Minutes	2-3 Times Weekly

Daily Social Studies Integration Opportunities

Routine Time	Suggested Social Studies Experience
Arrival Time	Greeting routines and classroom community interactions
Circle Time	Calendar activities, cultural discussions, and community helper activities
Mealtime	Conversations about families, traditions, and daily routines
Dramatic Play	Pretend play related to community roles and family life
Outdoor Walks	Neighborhood observation and environmental awareness
Group Activities	Multicultural activities, holidays, and cooperative play experiences