In kindergarten, students begin their investigation of the world using perspectives, concepts, and skills from the social studies. The context for social studies learning in kindergarten is the student’s interaction with classroom and school. The classroom serves as a microcosm of society in which decisions are made with respect to rights, rules, and responsibilities. They begin to learn the basic concepts of fairness and respect for the rights and opinions of others.

*Washington State Social Studies Unit Outlines—Kindergarten*

**Established Goals for Kindergarten Social Studies:**

*Learning about myself & my classroom community*
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During this year, the students will focus on:
- How can we work together?
- What rules are there in our classroom community and why do we have them?
- The purpose of rules in the classroom and school.

By the end of the unit students will know:
- The key ideals of justice and fairness within the context of the classroom community.
- How to ask questions about the classroom and school community.

At the end of the unit, students will be able to:
- Remember the people who make and carry out rules in the classroom and school.
- Apply the ideals of justice and fairness when making choices or decisions in the classroom or on the playground.
- Understand one’s point of view.
- Evaluate the fairness of one’s point of view.
- State their own viewpoints and listen to viewpoints of others.
- Understand and create timelines to show personal events in a sequential manner.
- Retell and explain personal history.

Core Vocabulary:

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Washington State Grade Level Expectations (GLEs):

1.1.1  4.1.1
1.1.2  5.1.1
1.2.1  5.1.2
1.2.2  5.3.1
        5.4.1

Student’s knowledge will be assessed using the following:

Core Materials: