

## **SOCIAL STUDIES COURSE DESCRIPTION KINDERGARTEN**

In kindergarten social studies, the focus is on self, home, family and school. Students use position words and simple maps to describe their environment. They learn about celebrations of patriotic holidays and the contributions of important leaders in the community, state and nation. Students are introduced to the basic human needs of food, clothing and shelter and the ways that people meet these needs through jobs. They learn the purpose of rules and the roles of authority figures in the home and school. Students learn customs, symbols, and celebrations, such as identifying flags and reciting pledges that represent U.S. and Texas beliefs. In addition, students compare family customs and traditions, and they also describe examples of technology in the home and schools.