

## **SOCIAL STUDIES COURSE DESCRIPTION SECOND GRADE**

In second grade social studies, students focus on a study of their local community by examining the impact of significant individuals and events on the history of the community as well as on the state and nation. Students develop the concepts of time and chronology with the use of timelines. The concepts of consumers and producers are introduced, as is the relationship between the physical environment and human activities. Students identify the functions of government and services provided by the local government. Students continue to study important customs, symbols, and celebrations representing American beliefs and principles. Students are introduced to works of art in the local community and communicate what they have learned in written, oral, and visual forms. It is in the second grade that students are first introduced to American history, learning about life from colonial times through the Civil War.