

Course Title: Grade 6 Social Studies

Board Approval Date: June, 2010

Course Description:

This course focuses on mastery of the PA Academic Standards for Civics and Government, Economics, Geography, and History. As students progress through this course, they will participate in a variety of learning opportunities that help them develop an interest in Social Studies. Students will explore, discover, and hypothesize information while collaborating in groups throughout the year. Technology is an imperative piece of the instructional model used to motivate and inspire the students to succeed. Students will participate in a Stock Market Game simulation that introduces the concept of economics and the real life aspect of saving for their future. Geography and culture start the year and sets the course toward pre-history and the ancient civilizations. Students have opportunities throughout the year to use their creativity and passion through the option of projects as assessments. The goals of this class are for students to realize that the past is used everyday to pave the future and for them to develop collaborative skills, which will lead to success in their future endeavors.

Learning Activities / Modes of Assessment:

Bellringer	Technology as a learning tool (laptops and iPod Touch)
Check for understanding	Discussion of Lesson Essential Question(s)
Large group instruction	Tests and Quizzes
Interactive Polyvision board	Checklists / Teacher Observation
Small group work	Projects with Rubrics
Stock Market Game simulation	Written responses to open-ended questions
Summarization/Closure	

Instructional Resources:

World Studies The Ancient World (Pearson Prentice Hall, 2005)
World Studies Medieval Times to Today (Pearson Prentice Hall, 2005)
World Studies Foundations of Geography (Pearson Prentice Hall, 2005)
Appropriate Internet resources

Course Pacing Guide

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Course Unit (Topic)	Length of Instruction
1. School Wide Expectations	2 days
2. Technology Introduction	3 days
3. Geography	18 days
4. Culture	14 days
5. Pre-History	10 days
6. Mesopotamia	18 days
7. Egypt	20 days
8. Stock Market Game	40 days
9. China	20 days
10. India	14 days
11. Greece	20 days
12. Rome	20 days
13. Grade 7 Preview	5 days