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COURSE SYLLABUS

School Year	2025-2026
Subject	Social Studies
Grade Level	Kindergarten
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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The kindergarten course is to develop the ability in thinking critically and to be aware of the society and environment. The aim of the class is to develop inspired learners who are able of making conscious decisions in social actions. The class uses digital presentations for students to be able to explore concepts, build knowledge, and transfer what they have learned beyond the classroom. This introduction will familiarize them enough to ease their transition to First Grade Social Studies.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: By the end of the semester/school year, (SWBAT) Students will be able to:

- Learn how to be a responsible person in the community and at school
- Know one's role in the classroom, at home and in the community
- Understand the use and importance of money
- Learn how people lived long ago and how their lives would be different today
- Know the proper use of direction words such as near, far, above, below.
- Recognize the difference between a map and a globe, water and land,
- Recognize the difference between needs and wants.
- Enhance one's knowledge of being a good citizen
- Learn how to take turns, cooperate and being responsible
- Know the importance of rules
- Recognize the Taiwan flag and the other symbols.

PRIMARY TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER RESOURCES:

Pearson Social Studies My World Interactive

GRADING SYSTEM/ASSESSMENT:



- **Observation/Anecdotal Records:** Teacher observes and records student participation and discussion using checklists or rating scales.
- **Performance:** Students can illustrate through artistic expression or retelling, an event or scene from one of the lessons discussed.
- **Questioning:** When sharing information teachers may question students on their understanding.
- **Work Samples or Portfolio:** Collect illustrations as work samples to display in the classroom.
- **Unit Assessment:** Oral and Writing Exam each quarter.
- **Projects:** Students demonstrate their knowledge of the lessons discussed through Social Studies projects.
- **Seatwork and Homework:** Students submit the seatwork and homework in the allotted time.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Please always check Google Classroom for homework and announcements.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:

Academic Dishonesty means employing a method or technique or engaging in conduct in an academic endeavor that contravenes the standards of ethical integrity expected at DIS.

Academic dishonesty includes but is not limited to the following:

- Purposely incorporating the ideas, words of sentences, paragraphs, or parts thereof without appropriate acknowledgment and representing the product as one's work;
- Representing another's intellectual work, such as photographs, paintings, drawings, sculpture, research, or the like, as one's own, including failure to attribute content to an AI.
- Employing a tutor, using Artificial Intelligence without acknowledgment, getting a parent to write a paper or do an assignment, and paying for an essay to be written by someone else and presented as the student's work.
- Committing any act that a reasonable person would conclude, when informed of the evidence, to be a dishonest means of obtaining or attempting to obtain credit for academic work.

Any act of academic dishonesty will result in an automatic zero on the entire assignment/learning task.

First Quarter Tentative Course Content

Week/Date	Topic/Projects/Assessments
<p>Week 1 (August 12 to 15) <u>4 days of class</u> 12-General Assembly at the Gymnasium</p>	<p>Orientation</p>



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15-Opening Mass & Assumption of Our Lady	
Week 2 (August 18 to 22) 18-St. Dominic de Guzman Feast Day Celebration) Integrated during the Monday Assembly 20- House Shirt & Blue Jeans Day Starts 22- Club Orientation and Club Sign-up	Chapter 1 - Learning and Working Together
Week 3 (August 25 to 29) 27- High School Talk - "Kickstart Your Success: Winning Mindsets for a Great School Year" 29- First Club Meeting	Lesson 1 Where We Learn
Week 4 (September 1 to 5) 1- Launching of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (During the Monday Assembly) 1-AP Registration 3- AEO Fall University Fair 5- House Ceremony	Lesson 2 We Work Together
Week 5 (September 8 to 12) 8- Holy Mass: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary & VIP Induction 10- House Mini Games Start	Lesson 2 We Work Together
Week 6 (September 15 to 19) 15- Catholic Bridge Program for all New Students (After the Monday Assembly at the Gymnasium) 19- Athletics / Sports Orientation 19- PSAT/NMSQT Registration deadline	Lesson 4 Leaders Make Rules
Week 7 (September 22 to 26) 22- Celebration of the International Day of Peace-Peace Pole Ceremony (During the Monday Assembly) Teacher's Day Celebration & 26- Teachers' Appreciation 26- Grade 12 Career Educational Trip 24 to 26-Pre-Exam Days	Lesson 5 Good Citizens



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<p>Week 8 (September 29 to October 3) 29- Launching of the Month of the Holy Rosary (During the Monday Assembly) Oct. 1-2- First Quarter Exam (half day)</p>	<p>Lesson 6 Stories of Good Citizens</p>
<p><i>Oct. 3-DIS Teachers and Staff Recognition Day/ Record Day Recollection for Aunties and Uncles (no classes for students)</i></p>	

Second Quarter Tentative Course Content

Week/Date	Topic/Projects/Assessments
<p><i>6-Moon Festival (no classes)</i></p>	
<p><i>7-9 Teacher's Conference (no classes)</i></p>	
<p>Week 1 (11) (October 13 to 17) 13- Second Quarter Begins 13- Start of New Applicant Enrollment for 2nd Semester 14- Visit of Mother Mary to Classrooms (During the morning prayer) 15- AP Exam Only Registration Deadline 15- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep 17- PSAT/NMSQT Digital Exam</p>	<p>Chapter 1 Assessment</p>
<p>Week 2 (12) (October 20 to 24) 20- Jubilee: Marian Exhibit Opening (After the Monday Assembly) 20- Campus Safety Talk for Students 24- Book Fair (Senior Escape Room)</p>	<p>Lesson 2 Symbols of Our Country Lesson 3 Symbols of Our State</p>
<p>Week 3 (13) (October 27 to 31) 29- Grade 11 Career Educational Trip Oct. 31 to Nov. 1- Gr.6 SEL Camp</p>	<p>Lesson 4 National Holidays Chapter 2 Assessment</p>
<p>Week 4 (14) (November 3 to 7) 3- Feast of St. Martin de Porres</p>	<p>Chapter 3 - Work Now and Long Ago Lesson 1 Why People Work</p>



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Mass (integrated during the Monday Assembly) 5- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep	
Week 5 (15) (November 10 to 14) 14- Health Week 14- VIP-Parent Learning Community	Lesson 2 Jobs at School
Week 6 (16) (November 17 to 21) 17- Launching of Mental Health and Anti-Bullying Month 21- Young Shakespeare Play Writing and Performing Contest	Lesson 3 Jobs in Our Community
Week 7 (17) (November 24 to 28) 24- Peace Pole Day (Monday Assembly) 24- Lighting of the Christmas Tree after school (Campus Min/ ECA/ D' Torch Orchestra/ Religious Studies) (Afternoon) 25-27- Pre-Exam Days 27- Thanksgiving Potluck after school for teachers and staff 27- Thanksgiving Family Day 28- Gr. 12 Second Quarter Exam	Lesson 4 Jobs Then and Now
<i>Nov. 29 Invitation for All: The Jubilee Pilgrimage to Taipei (Saturday)</i>	
Week 8 (18) (December 1 to 5) 1- First Week of Advent: Lighting of First Advent Candle (During the Monday Assembly) 3- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep 5- Nativity Play (Collaboration with Campus Ministry) 5- Christmas Fair Whole Day	Review for Quarter Exam Chapter 3 Assessment
Week 9 (19) (December 8 to 12) 8- Foundation Day Mass, cake ceremony, and Class Party (half day) 8- Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 8- Second Week of Advent 10- Gr. 12 Advent Immersion 11 and 12- Second Quarter Exam (half day)	Second Quarter Exam
<i>December 13 Invitation for All: Advent Recollection @DIS (Saturday)</i>	



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December 15 to January 2 Christmas Break

Third Quarter Tentative Course Content

Week/Date	Topic/Projects/Assessments
<i>January 5- Record Day (No Classes for students)</i>	
Week 1 (20) (January 5 to 9) 5- PSAT 8/9 Registration Starts 6- Third Quarter Begins 7- Monthly Career Talk-College Prep 9- New Year Mass at 8:00	Chapter 4 This is My Community Lesson 1 Where We Live
Week 2 (21) (January 12 to 16) 16- Club Orientation & Sign Up	Lesson 2 Globes and Maps
Week 3 (22) (January 19 to 23) 19-23- Individual Yearbook Photoshoot for Students 19-23- Career Awareness Week 22- Grade 9 Career Educational trip 23- First Club Meeting for 2nd Semester	Lesson 3 Parts of a Map
Week 4 (23) (January 26 to 30) 26- Feast Day of St. Thomas Aquinas/Launching of the Catholic Week 26-28- Aquinas Conference: Science and Faith 26-30- Catholic Week Activities 30- DYM Charity Concert	Lesson 4 Our Home and Neighborhood
Week 5 (24) (February 2 to 6) 1-4- WASC Mid-Cycle Visit 4- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep 6-7- SUA0 Recollection for MS	Lesson 5 Safe Neighborhoods
Week 6 (25) (February 9 to 13) 9- Start of New Applicant Enrollment for 1st Semester for SY2025-26 13- PSAT 8/9 Registration Deadline	Lesson 6 Our Resources Chapter 4 Assessment



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13- House Valentine's Mini Fair 13- Chinese New Year Celebration	
<i>February 16-20 Chinese New Year Holiday</i>	
Week 7 (26) (February 23 to 26) 23-26- IOWA Assessments 23- Student Council Application 24-26- Pre-Exam Days	Chapter 5 Time and Chronology Lesson 1 Talking About Time
<i>February 27 Memorial Day Holiday (no classes)</i>	
Week 8 (27) (March 2 to 6) 3- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep 6- PSAT 8/9 System Installation and Practice Test	Lesson 2 Measuring Time
Week 9 (28) (March 9 to 13) 13 and 16- Third Quarter Exam (half day)	Lesson 3 Weeks and Months

Fourth Quarter Tentative Course Content

Week/Date	Topic/Projects/Assessments
Week 1 (29) (March 16 to 20) 16- Third Quarter Exam (half day) 16-20- Faculty & Staff Yearbook Photo 17- Fourth Quarter Begins 18-21- EARCOS Teachers' Conference 19- Lectio Divina and Feast of St. Joseph 20- Parents Learning Community Meeting 20- Kindilympics 20-House Movie Night and Club Fair	Lesson 4 Long Lengths of Time
<i>March 21 (Saturday) Spring Fair</i>	
Week 2 (30) (March 23 to 27) 23-27 Student Leaders Applicant	Lesson 5 Parts of The Year Chapter 5 Assessment



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Interviews 26- Annual Visit to World Religion Museum Gr. 11 27- Lower School Readers Theatre	
<i>March 30 to April 6 Easter/Spring Break</i>	
Week 3 (31) (April 7 to 10) 7- Spring University Fair 9- Easter Mass 9- Easter Egg Hunt for Lower School Students	Chapter 6 What was life like in the past? Lesson 1 Life Long Ago
Week 4 (32) (April 13 to 17) 13 Laudato Si Month Launching (During the Monday Assembly) 13-30 Laudato Si Month Activities 13-17- Class Photo Taking 17- AP Chinese/Japanese Practice Test	Lesson 2 People in History
Week 5 (33) (April 20 to 24) 20-24 Cultural Awareness Week / Art Exhibit / Earth Week 24- Music Recital 20-24 Student Council Campaign 20-24 AP Mock Exams	Lesson 3 We Celebrate Our Past Chapter 6 Assessment
Week 6 (34) (April 27 to 30) 27- Student Council Elections 27-30 Senior Project Presentations 28-30 Pre-Exam Days	Review for the 4 th Quarter Exam
<i>May 1: Labor Day Public Holiday</i>	
Week 7 (35) (May 4 to 8) 4- May Crowning & Mother's Day Celebration (During the Monday Assembly) 4-14 Final Exams (K, Gr. 5, 8, & 12 Only) 4-15 AP Exams	4 th Quarter Exam
Week 8 (36) (May 11 to 15) 13 and 14- Fourth Quarter Exam—Undergraduate (half day) 14-16 Student Leaders Retreat Days	Graduation Ceremony Preparation



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<i>May 15 Record Day (No Classes for students) Final Deliberation for Graduating/Promoting Classes</i>	
<p>Week 9 (37) (May 18 to 22)</p> <p>18- Gr. 5 Recollection & Mass 19- Gr. 8 Recollection & Mass 20- Gr. 12 Recollection 20- Baccalaureate Mass (Whole School) 18-21 WIDA Testing 19- Lower School Sports Day / Gr. 6 & 7 School Field Trip 19- Gr. 9 - 11 - "Senior Success Forum: Inspiring the Next Generation" 19-22 Student Clearance Days 21- Middle & High School Sports Day 21- High School Field Trip 22- House Culminating Activity 20-22 Final Deliberation for Non-Graduating Classes 22- Student Leaders One Day Recollection / Turn Over Ceremony</p>	<p>Graduation Ceremony Preparation</p>
<p>Week 10 (38) (May 25 to 29)</p> <p>25- Kindergarten Graduation/Gr. 5 Promotion 26- LS Field Trip 26- Gr. 8 Graduation and Gr. 12 Graduation 27- Pre-Kindergarten & Gr. 1 - 4, 6 & 7, 9-11 Recognition Last Day of School, Report Card 28- Distribution, & Class Party (half day) 29- Last day for Teachers/Staff Meeting</p>	<p>Kindergarten Graduation</p>

"Kindling the Light of Faith, Hope, and Love: The Legacy of St. Dominic de Guzmán"