

Kindergarten TUB (Thematic Unit Block)

The kindergarten science/social studies curriculum is segmented into 9 thematic units, each lasting 4 to 5 weeks. During each unit, the children read big books and develop science, and social studies outcomes through hands-on exploration of theme-related subject matter. The children work in classroom centers to reinforce their knowledge of the kindergarten outcomes and participate in thematic activities. The kindergarten newsletter will highlight the outcomes and related activities of the current theme.

Kindergarten Science/Social Studies Themes (TUB: Thematic Unit Block)



1. *How to be a Star*
 - Classroom, school, playground, and bus rules
 - School safety procedures
 - "Star" student behaviors
2. *Kids' Choice*
 - U.S. symbols
 - Citizenship
 - Cooperation
 - Voting
 - Student service
3. *Fall*
 - Attributes of living things
 - Deciduous and evergreen trees
 - Changes in living things over time
 - Gathering of ripened food
 - Family traditions and celebrations
4. *Winter*
 - Living things respond to change
 - Dormant trees
 - Interdependence of people and trees
 - Temperature
5. *Earth and Space*
 - Components of Earth: land, water, air
 - Interdependence of people and Earth
 - Recycling
 - Day and night, seasons
 - Exploration of outer space
 - Stars, sun, moon, and planets
 - maps
6. *Wellness*
 - Dimensions of a healthy lifestyle:
 - Nutrition
 - Safety

- Exercise
- Rest
- Hygiene
- Happiness
- Self-worth
- Kindness

7. *Town Square*

- Wants and needs
- Goods and services
- Producers and consumers
- Money
- Saving, spending, giving

8. *Construction*

- Blueprints and planning
- Shelters
- Essential features of a house
- Habitats

9. *Spring*

- Seasonal growth and life cycles of living things
- Trees and human needs for growth and survival
- Animals and people use trees
- Respect for trees