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6th Grade Social Studies
Edgewood Campus School

The social studies curriculum at Edgewood Campus School challenges students to be critical thinkers and multidimensional learners. Students learn about key events, ideas, leaders and contributions from ancient civilizations with an emphasis on Mesopotamia, Israel, Egypt, Greece, China, India, Rome, and early European periods. Through world geography, sixth graders explore cultural impacts, diversity and patterns of change.

Resources:
Discovering Our Past, A History of the World Early Ages

AtoZnews.org for current events.

Projects

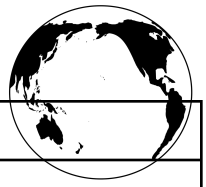
Some projects we do in 6th grade social studies include Creative Cartographer Island, Geofair - a geography event, a famous person biographyk wax museum and an Ancient Civilization Fest. These projects will allow students to express their creativity and explore a topic more deeply using a variety of resources.

Course Goals

Students will be able to...

- Use multiple resources to develop inquiry and logical claims that are supported with evidence.
- Develop an understanding of how social and behavioral elements have influenced past and present cultures and events.
- Analyze how differing resources, political factors and governments have influenced trade and economies in various ancient civilizations.
- Use geography tools to understand and identify local and global scale cultural impacts among populations, places, and environments.
- Develop historical perspective and analyze issues that affect the present and future.

Social Studies Topics by Month	
September	Ancient Mesopotamia, Assyrians, Chaldeans Mapping Skills
October	Ancient Egypt, Kush



	Cartographer Project - Mapping Skills cont.
November	Ancient Israel, Growth of Judaism Countries - Middle East - political & physical features
December	Ancient Greece, Athens and Sparta, Persians
January	Ancient Greece cont. Culture, Philosophers, Spread of Greek Culture Countries - Europe - political & physical features Famous Person Biography Wax Museum
February	Ancient Civilization Fest (includes civilizations listed by month and Maya, Inca, Japan, Aztec, West Africa) Early India Hinduism, Buddhism, Maurya & Gupta empire Countries - Asia - political & physical features
March	Early China Confucianism, Daoism Qin and Han Dynasties Countries - Africa - political & physical features
April	Rise and Fall of Rome The Roman Republic Countries - South America - political & physical features
May	Rome cont. Geography Fair Project Countries - Oceania - political & physical features

Grading Policy

Each trimester grades are determined based on:

- Class work
- Projects
- Homework
- Quizzes
- Tests
- Effort and Participation

Communication

Communication is a key part of each student's success. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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