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	Curriculum Design		
Co	Content Area: Social Studies		
Co	Course Title: General Social Studies Grade Level: 2		
	Unit 1-Exploration	6 weeks	
	Unit 2-Working Together	6 weeks	
	Unit 3-Creative Ideas	6 weeks	
	Unit 4-Our Changing World	6 weeks	
	Unit 5-Responsibility	6 weeks	
	Unit 6-Traditions	6 weeks	
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Unit 1 Overview

Content Area: Social Studies

Unit 1 Title: Exploration

Grade Level: 2

Unit Summary: What can we learn from exploring new places and things?

We can learn many things from exploring new places and things. Exploring helps us expand our knowledge of places and things.

Primary interdisciplinary connections: Reading Informational Text; Speaking and Listening; Technology

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- Individuals and families have unique characteristics.
- Everyone is part of a larger neighborhood and community.
- Spatial thinking and geographic tools can be used to describe and analyze the spatial patterns and organization of people, places, and environments on Earth.
- Places are jointly characterized by their physical and human properties.

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CPI #	Cumulative Progress Indicator (CPI)	
6.1.P.D.1	Describe characteristics of onese	lf, one's family, and others.	
6.1.P.B.1	Develop an awareness of the phy	Develop an awareness of the physical features of the neighborhood/community.	
6.1.4.B.1	Compare and contrast information that can be found on different types of maps, and determine when the information may be useful.		
6.1.4.B.4	Describe how landforms, climate and weather, and availability of resources have impacted where and how people live and work in different regions of New Jersey and the United States.		
Unit Eccontia	l Questions	Unit Enduring Understandings	

Unit Essential Questions-

- What might we discover in a new neighborhood?
- When we are searching for answers, whom can we ask?

Unit Enduring Understandings

- A new neighborhood could be full of surprises waiting to be discovered.
- There are many people you can ask when searching for answers; including your parents and teachers.

Evidence of Learning

Summative Assessment

End of Year Test
Selection Test

Benchmark Assessment – Teacher Created Performance Based Assessment

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Teacher Resources: Pearson Scott Foresman's Reading Street

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Formative Assessments

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Unit 2 Overview

Content Area: Social Studies

Unit 2 Title: Working Together

Grade Level: Second

Unit Summary: How can we work together?

We can work together in many ways. Working together makes a successful family, school, and community.

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Content Statements

- Citizenship begins with becoming a contributing member of the classroom community.
- Key historical events, documents, and individuals led to the development of our nation.
- The world is comprised of nations that are similar to and different from the United States.
- Interaction among various institutions in the local, national, and global economies influence policy making and societal outcomes.
- Everyone is part of a larger neighborhood and community.

CPI # Cumulative Progress Indicator (CPI)

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6.1.P.A.2	Demonstrate responsibility by initiating simple classroom tasks and jobs.
6.1.4.D.6	Describe the civic leadership qualities and historical contributions of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and Benjamin Franklin toward the development of the United States government.
6.1.4.A.14	Describe how the world is divided into many nations that have their own governments, languages, customs, and laws.
6.1.4.C.6	Describe the role and relationship among households, businesses, laborers, and governments within the economic system.
6.1.P.B.1	Develop an awareness of the physical features of the neighborhood/community.

Unit Essential Questions-

- What can we do in a dangerous situation?
- What makes a team?
- How can we contribute to a celebration?

Unit Enduring Understandings

- In a dangerous situation we should always seek help.
- A team is a group of people working together towards a common goal.
- We can contribute to a celebration by asking how and what we can contribute.

Evidence of Learning

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Unit 3 Overview

Content Area: Social Studies

Unit 3 Title: Creative Ideas

Grade Level: 2

Unit Summary: What does it mean to be creative?

People can be creative in many ways. Everyone is creative in their own ways.

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- **6.3 Active Citizenship in the 21**st **Century:** All students will acquire the skills needed to be active, informed citizens who value diversity and promote cultural understanding by working collaboratively to address the challenges that are inherent in living in an interconnected world.

- Citizenship begins with becoming a contributing member of a classroom community.
- Recognize that people have different perspectives based on their beliefs, values, traditions, culture, and experiences.
- Identify stereotyping, boas, prejudice, and discrimination in their lives and communities.
- Are aware of their relationships to people, places and resources in the local community

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and beyond.

- Make informed and reasoned decisions by seeking and assessing information, asking questions, and evaluating alternate solutions.
- Develop strategies to reach consensus and resolve conflict.
- Demonstrate understanding of the need for fairness and take appropriate action against unfairness.

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6.1.P.A.2	Demonstrate responsibility by initiating simple classroom tasks and jobs.	
6.3.4.D.1 Identify actions that are unfair or discriminatory, such as bullying, and propositions to address such actions.		

Unit Essential Questions-

- How many ways can we communicate?
- When can creative ideas solve problems?

Unit Enduring Understandings

- There are many ways to communicate.
- Sometimes creative ideas are necessary to solve problems.

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Unit 4 Overview

Content Area: Social Studies

Unit 4 Title: Our Changing World

Grade Level: 2

Unit Summary: How do things change? How do they stay the same?

Things change when we try something new. They stay the same when we do things in the same manner routinely.

Primary interdisciplinary connections: Reading Informational Text; Speaking and Listening; Technology

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- RI.2.3 Describe the connection between a series of historical
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- Individuals and families have unique characteristics.
- Everyone is part of a larger neighborhood and community.
- Economic opportunities in New Jersey and other states are related to the availability of resources and technology.

CPI#	Cumulative Progress Indicator (CPI)	
6.1.P.A.3	P.A.3 Demonstrate appropriate behavior when collaborating with others.	
6.1.P.D.2	Demonstrate an understanding of family roles and traditions.	

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6.1.P.B.1	Develop an awareness of the physical features of the neighborhood/community.	
6.1.4.C.15	4.C.15 Describe how the development of different transportation systems impacted the economies of New Jersey and the United States.	
Unit Essential Questions-		Unit Enduring Understandings
 How can familiar things help us with changes? 		Having some familiarity can ease the feelings that come with changes.
Why are some changes difficult?		 Some changes can be difficult due to resistance to change or a sense of unfamiliarity.

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Unit 5 Overview

Content Area: Social Studies

Unit 5 Title: Responsibility

Grade Level: 2

Unit Summary: What does it mean to be responsible?

Being responsible means taking accountability for one's self and actions.

Primary interdisciplinary connections: Reading Informational Text; Speaking and Listening; Technology

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- Interaction among various institutions in the local, national, and global economies influence policy making and societal outcomes.
- Rules and laws are developed to protect people's rights and the security and welfare of society.

CPI # Cu		Cumulative Progress Indicator (CPI)
	6.1.P.A.2	Demonstrate responsibility by initiating simple classroom tasks and jobs.
	6.1.4.C.6	Describe the role and relationship among households, businesses, laborers, and

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6.1.4.A.1 Explain how rules and laws created by community, state, and national governments protect eh rights of people, help resolve conflicts, and promote the common good. Unit Essential Questions- • Why is it important to do a good job? • How can we be responsible family members? • What do good friends and neighbors do? • What happens when we do the wrong thing? Good friends and neighbors help and look after one another. • We must accept the consequences when we do the wrong thing.		governments within the economic system.	
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Unit 6 Overview

Content Area: Social Studies

Unit 6 Title: Traditions

Grade Level: 2

Unit Summary: How are traditions and celebrations important to our lives?

Traditions and celebrations are important to our lives because they give us a sense of family history and allow us opportunities to spend more time as a family together.

Primary interdisciplinary connections: Reading Informational Text; Speaking and Listening; Technology

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- Key historical events, documents, and individuals led to the development of our nation.
- Individuals and families have unique characteristics.
- The examination of individual experiences, historical narratives, and events promotes an understanding of individual and community responses to the violation of fundamental rights.
- Historical symbols and the ideas and events they represent play a role in understanding and evaluating our history.
- Interaction among various institutions in the local, national, and global economies

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6.1.P.D.2	Demonstrate an understanding of family roles and traditions.	
6.1.4.A.10	Describe how the actions of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and other civil rights leaders served as catalysts for social change and inspired social activism in subsequent generations.	
6.1.4.D.17	Explain the role of historical symbols, monuments, and holidays and how they affect the American identity.	
6.1.4.C.6	Describe the role and relationship among households, businesses, laborers, and governments within the economic system.	

Unit Essential Questions-

- Why are sports important in our country?
- What does our flag mean?
- Why are family celebrations special?
- Why should we learn about cowboys?
- What are some different ways that people celebrate?

Unit Enduring Understandings

- Sports allow us to get exercise and they can bring us together to learn how to work as a team.
- Our flag symbolizes all the things that make our country unique.
- Family celebrations are special because it brings together the family.
- We should learn about cowboys because they are a part of our country's history.
- People celebrate in many different ways; depending on their culture and family traditions.

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