3rd Grade: Communities Original Suggested Units and Pacing Guide

Scope & Sequence - Communities: Past and Present, Near and Far

The local community serves as the focal point for third grade as students begin to understand how their community has changed over time and to make comparisons with communities in other places. The study of local history comes alive through the use of artifacts and documents. They also learn how communities are governed and how the local economy is organized.

Unit 1: Rules 15-20 Days End by September 30

Students understand the rights and responsibilities of citizenship in order to promote productive democratic classrooms and community citizens. Students will apply the Problem Solving Steps and identify Patterns and Relationships related to their role as a citizen.

Unit 2: Government 15-20 Days End by October 31

Students understand that our local government provides order, maintains stability and promotes the general good of our citizens. Students will apply the Problem Solving Steps and identify Patterns and Relationships related to government.

Unit 3: Geography 25 Days End by December Break

Students interpret geographic locations and show the interrelationship between the physical environment and human activity. Students will apply the Problem Solving Steps and identify Patterns and Relationships related to geography.

Unit 4: History 30-35 Days End by Feb. 28 (Includes holidays & semester grades)

Students use materials to identify and analyze significant events which result in changes in our community. Students will obtain information about local history from artifacts and documents. They will record their information including the development of time lines and graphs. Students will apply the Problem Solving Steps and identify Patterns and Relationships related to local historical events.

Unit 5: People in Societies 30-35 Days End by April 30 (Includes 2 weeks of assessments & a Spring break)

Students use knowledge of cultural, ethnic and social groups to compare and contrast the diversity within the local community. Students will apply the Problem Solving Steps and identify Patterns and Relationships related to cultural groups within their community.

Unit 6: Economics 20-25 Days Finish the Last Semester

Students learn economic reasoning skills to make informed choices and to identify how the local economy is organized. Students will apply the Problem Solving Steps and identify Patterns and Relationships related to making economic decisions.

3rd Grade Benchmarks (ID= Indicator: These number references will clarify the intent of Indicators in each unit.)

History

- A. Construct time lines to demonstrate an understanding of units of time and chronological order. (ID: 1, 2)
- B. Describe the cultural patterns that are evident in North America today as a result of exploration, colonization and conflict. **(ONLY 4-5)**
- C. Explain how new developments led to the growth of the United States. (ID: 3)

People In Societies

- A Compare practices and products of North American cultural groups. (ID: 1, 2)
- B. Explain the reasons people from various cultural groups came to North America and the consequences of their interactions with each other. (ID:3)

Geography

- A. Use map elements or coordinates to locate physical and human features of North America. (ID: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
- B. Identify the physical and human characteristics of places and regions in North America. (ID: 6)
- C. Identify and explain ways people have affected the physical environment of North America and analyze the positive and negative consequences. (ID: 7)
- D. Analyze ways that transportation and communication relate to patterns of settlement and economic activity. (ID: 8)

Economics

- A. Explain the opportunity costs involved in the allocation of scarce productive resources. (ID: 1)
- B. Explain why entrepreneurship, capital goods, technology, specialization and division of labor are important in the production of goods and services. (ID: 2, 3, 4)
- C. Explain how competition affects producers and consumers in a market economy and why specialization facilitates trade. (ID: 5, 6, 7)

Government

- A. Identify the responsibilities of the branches of the United States government and explain why they are necessary. (ID: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)
- B. Give examples of documents that specify the structure of state and national governments in the United States and explain how these documents foster self-government in a democracy. (ONLY 4-5)

Citizenship Rights & Responsibities

- A. Explain how citizens take part in civic life in order to promote the common good. (ID: 1, 2)
- B. Identify rights and responsibilities of citizenship in the United States that are important for preserving democratic government. (ID: 3)

Study Skills & Methods

- A. Obtain information from a variety of primary and secondary sources using the component parts of the source. (ID: 1, 2)
- B. Use a variety of sources to organize information and draw inferences. (ID: 3, 4)
- C. Communicate social studies information using graphs or tables. (ID: 5)
- D. Use problem-solving skills to make decisions individually and in groups. (ID: 6)

Continually check your alignment between the Indicators and the Benchmarks.

3 rd Grade: Unit 1	Rules	Classroom	n Days: 15-20 En	d by September 30
History	Economics	Government	Citizenship Rights & Responsibilities	Study Skills and Methods
None	Scarcity and Resource Allocation 1. Define opportunity cost and give an example of the opportunity cost of a personal decision.	Role of Government A 5. Define power and authority. 6. Explain why the use of power without legitimate	Participation A 1. Describe how people help to make the community a better place in which to live including: a. working to preserve the	Thinking and Organizing B 3. Identify possible cause and effect relationships. Problem Solving D
People in Societies		authority is unjust such	environment;	6. Use a problem-
None		as, bullying, stealing.	b. helping the homeless;c. restoring houses in low-income areas;d. supporting education;	solving/decision- making process which includes: a. identifying a problem;
Geography			e. planning community events;f. starting a business.	b. gathering information; c. listing and considering
None			2. Demonstrate effective citizenship traits including: a. civility; b. respect for the right and dignity of each person; c. volunteerism; d. compromise; e. compassion; f. persistence in achieving goals; g. civic-mindedness.	options; d. considering advantages and disadvantages of options; e. choosing and implementing a solution; f. evaluate the success or failure of the solution.
Note: Apply the Problem Solving Steps and identify Patterns and Relationships related to their role as a citizen.	Note: The bolded letter at the end of each organizer heading aligns with the Benchmark for the given Standard. Continually align the Indicators to the Benchmark goals page 3 rd – 17.	Note: Strategies & Resources: See page 3 rd – 13 for teaching ideas and materials.	Rights and Responsibilities 3. Describe the responsibilities of citizenship with emphasis on: a. voting; b. obeying laws; c. respecting the rights of others; d. being informed about current issues; e. paying taxes.	(Begin the problem-solving process by using the Somebody-Wanted-But-So chart for the 1st grading period as a foundation for Indicator: 6.)

3 rd Grade	: Unit 2 Governme	ent Classroom Da	ıys: 15-20	End by October 31
History	Economics	Government	Citizenship Rights & Responsibilities	Study Skills and Methods
None	Scarcity and Resource Allocation A 1. Define opportunity cost and give an example of the opportunity cost of a personal decision. Markets C	Role of Government A 1. Explain the major functions of local government including: a. promoting order and security; b. making laws; c. settling disputes;	Participation A 1. Describe how people help to make the community a better place in which to live including: a. working to preserve the environment;	Obtaining Information A 1. Obtain information about local issues from a variety of sources including: a. maps; b. photos; c. oral histories;
People in Societies	5. Identify different forms of money used over time, and recognize that money facilitates the purchase of goods, services	d. providing public services; e. protecting the rights of individuals.	b. helping the homeless; c. restoring houses in low- income areas; d. supporting education;	d. newspapers; e. letters; f. artifacts; g. documents.
None	and resources and enables savings.	2. Explain the structure of local governments and identify local leaders such as, township	e. planning community events; f. starting a business.	Locate information using various parts of a source including: a. the table of contents;
Geog. None	Note: Suggested Vocabulary: Gov't. 2. three branches of local gov't. legislative executive judicial (structure of government)	trustees, county commissioners, city council members or mayor. 3. Identify the location of local government buildings and explain the functions of government that are carried out there.	2. Demonstrate effective citizenship traits including: a. civility; b. respect for the right and dignity of each person; c. volunteerism; d. compromise; e. compassion; f. persistence in achieving goals;	b. title page; c. illustrations; d. keyword searches. Thinking and Organizing B 3. Identify possible cause and effect relationships. Problem Solving D 6. Use a problem-solving/
	Note: Apply the Problem Solving Steps and identify Patterns and Relationships related to their government	4. Identify goods and services provided by local government, why people need them and the source of funding (taxation).	g. civic-mindedness. Rights and Responsibilities 3. Describe the responsibilities of citizenship with emphasis on: a. voting;	decision-making process which includes: a. identifying a problem; b. gathering information; c. listing and considering options;
	Note: The bolded letter at the end of each <u>organizer heading</u> aligns with the Benchmark for the given Standard. Continually align the Indicators to the Benchmark goals page 3 rd – 17.	Note: Strategies & Resources: See pages 3 rd – 11 to 13 for teaching ideas and materials.	 b. obeying laws; c. respecting the rights of others; d. being informed about current issues; e. paying taxes. 	d. considering advantages and disadvantages of options; e. choosing and implementing a solution; f. evaluate the success or failure of the solution.

	Geography Classroom Days: 25	T	End by December Break
History	Geography	Economics	Study Skills and Methods
None	Location A 1. Use political maps, physical maps and aerial photographs to ask and answer questions about the local community.	None	Obtaining Information A 1. Obtain information about local issues from a variety of sources including: a. maps;
People in Societies	 Use a compass rose and cardinal directions to describe the relative location of places. 	Government	b. photos.
Interactions B 3. Describe settlement patterns of	3. Read and interpret maps by using the map title , map key , direction indicator and symbols to answer questions about the local community.	None	Problem Solving D 6. Use a problem-solving/ decision-making process which includes:
various cultural groups within the ocal community.	4. Use a number/letter grid system to locate physical and human features on a map.	C R & R None	 a. identifying a problem; b. gathering information; c. listing and considering options;
	5. Identify the location of the equator , Arctic Circle , Antarctic Circle , North Pole , South Pole , Prime Meridian , the tropics and the hemispheres on maps and globes.		d. considering advantages and disadvantages of options;
	Places and Regions B 6. Identify and describe the landforms and climate, vegetation, population and economic characteristics of the local community.		e. choosing and implementing a solution; f. evaluate the success or failure of the solution.
Note: Apply the Problem Solving Steps and identify Patterns and Relationships related to local geography.	Human Environmental Interaction C 7. Identify ways that physical characteristics of the environment affect and have been modified by the local community [Must include landforms, bodies of water, climate and vegetation.]		(The complete problem-solving/ decision-making process must be implemented.)
Note: The bolded letter at the end of each <u>organizer heading</u> aligns with the Benchmark for the given Standard. Continually align the Indicators to the Benchmark goals page 3 rd – 17.	Movement D 8. Identify systems of transportation used to move people and products and systems of communication used to move ideas from place to place.		Note: Strategies & Resources: See pages 3 rd – 6 & 7 and 15 for teaching ideas and materials.

3 rd Grade: Unit 4	History	Classroom Days: 30-35	End by February 28
History	Geography	Economics	Study Skills and Methods
 Chronology A Define and measure time by years, decades and centuries. Place local historical events in 	Location A 1. Use political maps, physical maps and aerial photographs to ask and answer questions about the local community.	Market C 6. Explain how the local community is an example of a market where buyers and sellers exchange goods and	Obtaining Information A 1. Obtain information about local issues from a variety of sources including: a. maps; b. photos; c. oral histories;
sequential order on a time line. Growth C 3. Describe changes in the community over time including changes in: a. businesses; b. architecture; c. physical features; d. employment; f. transportation;	Places and Regions B 6. Identify and describe the landforms and climate, vegetation, population and economic characteristics of the local community. Human Environmental Interaction C 7. Identify ways that physical	Role of Government Role of Government A 3. Identify the location of local government buildings and explain the functions of government that are carried out there.	d. newspapers; e. letters; f. artifacts; g. documents. 2. Locate information using various parts of a source including: a. the table of contents; b. title page; c. illustrations; d. keyword searches.
g. technology; h. religion; i. recreation. Note: Suggested Vocabulary: History	characteristics of the environment affect and have been modified by the local community. [Must include landforms, bodies of water, climate and vegetation.]	Citizenship Rights & Responsibilities	Thinking and Organizing B 3. Identify possible cause and effect relationships. 4. Read and interpret pictographs, bar graphs and charts.
1. primary/secondary sources (introduce)	Movement D 8. Identify systems of transportation used to move people and products and systems of communication used to move ideas from place to place.	None	Communicating Information C 5. Communicate information using pictographs and bar graphs. Problem Solving D 6. Use a problem-solving/ decision-
People in Societies Interactions B 3. Describe settlement patterns of various cultural groups within the local community.	Note: The bolded letter at the end of each <u>organizer</u> heading aligns with the Benchmark for the given Standard. Continually align the Indicators to the Benchmark goals page $3^{rd} - 17$.	Note: Strategies & Resources: See pages 3 rd – 3 & 4 and 14-15 for teaching ideas and materials.	making process which includes: a. identifying a problem; b. gathering information; c. listing and considering options; d. considering advantages and disadvantages of options; e. choosing and implementing a solution; f. evaluate the success or failure of the solution.

3 rd Grade: Unit 5	People in Societies	Classroom Days: 30-35	End by April 30
History	Geography	Government	Study Skills and Methods
Chronology A 1. Define and measure time by years, decades and centuries. 2. Place local historical events in sequential order on a time line. People in Societies Cultures A 1. Compare some of the cultural practices and various groups of people who have lived in the local community including: a. artistic expression; b. religion; c. language; d. food. 2. Compare the cultural practices and products of the local community with those of other communities in Ohio, the United States and countries of the world. Interactions B 3. Describe settlement patterns of various cultural groups within the local community.	Location A 1. Use political maps, physical maps and aerial photographs to ask and answer questions about the local community. 2. Use a compass rose and cardinal directions to describe the relative location of places. 3. Read and interpret maps by using the map title, map key, direction indicator and symbols to answer questions about the local community. 4. Use a number/letter grid system to locate physical and human features on a map. 5. Identify the location of the equator, Arctic Circle, Antarctic Circle, North Pole, South Pole, Prime Meridian, the tropics and the hemispheres on maps and globes. Places and Regions B 6. Identify and describe the landforms and climate, vegetation, population and economic characteristics of the local community. Human Environmental Interaction C 7. Identify ways that physical characteristics of the environment affect and have been modified by the local community [Must include landforms, bodies of water, climate and vegetation.] Movement D 8. Identify systems of transportation used to move people and products and systems of communication used to move ideas from place to place. Economics	Role of Government A 2. Explain the structure of local governments and identify local leaders such as, township trustees, county commissioners, city council members or mayor. 5. Define power and authority. 6. Explain why the use of power without legitimate authority is unjust such as, bullying, stealing. Citizenship Right & Responsibilities Participation A 1. Describe how people help to make the community a better place in which to live including: a. working to preserve the environment; b. helping the homeless; c. restoring houses in low-income areas; d. supporting education; e. planning community events; f. starting a business. 2. Demonstrate effective citizenship traits including: a. civility; b. respect for the right and dignity of each person; c. volunteerism; d. compromise; e. compassion; f. persistence in achieving goals; g. civic-mindedness. Rights and Responsibilities B 3. Describe the responsibilities of citizenship with emphasis on: a. voting; b. obeying laws; c. respecting the rights of others; d. being informed about current issues; e. paying taxes. Note: Strategies & Resources:	Obtaining Information A 1. Obtain information about local issues from a variety of sources including: a. maps; b. photos; c. oral histories; d. newspapers; e. letters; f. artifacts; g. documents. Thinking and Organizing B 3. Identify possible cause and effect relationships. 4. Read and interpret pictographs, bar graphs and charts. Problem Solving D 6. Use a problem-solving/decision-making process which includes: a. identifying a problem; b. gathering information; c. listing and considering options; d. considering advantages and disadvantages of options; e. choosing and implementing a solution; f. evaluate the success or failure of the solution.
	None	See page 3 rd – 5 for teaching ideas and materials.	

3 rd Grade: Unit 6 Economics		Classroom Days: 20-25 Finish th		e Last Semester
History	Economics	Government	Citizenship Rights & Responsibilities	Study Skills and Methods
Growth C 3. Describe changes in the community over time including changes in: a. businesses; b. architecture; c. physical features; d. employment; e. education; f. transportation; g. technology; h. religion; i. recreation.	Scarcity and Resource Allocation A 1. Define opportunity cost and give an example of the opportunity cost of a personal decision. Production, Distribution and Consumption B 2. Identify people who purchase goods and services as consumers and people who make goods or provide services as producers. 3. Categorize economic activities as examples of production or consumption. 4. Explain the advantages and	Role of Government A 4. Identify goods and services provided by local government, why people need them and the source of funding (taxation).	Participation A 1. Describe how people help to make the community a better place in which to live including: a. working to preserve the environment; b. helping the homeless; c. restoring houses in low-income areas; d. supporting education; e. planning community events; f. starting a business.	Thinking & Organizing B 3. Identify possible cause and effect relationships. 4. Read and interpret pictographs, bar graphs and charts. Communicating C Information 5. Communicate information using pictographs and bar graphs.
Note: Suggested Vocabulary 1. alternative choices 4. labor resource People in Societies	disadvantages of specialization and the division of labor to produce items. Markets C 5. Identify different forms of money used over time, and recognize that money facilitates the purchase of goods, services and resources and enables savings. 6. Explain how the local community is an	Note: Apply the Problem Solving Steps and identify Patterns and Relationships related to making economic	Rights and Responsibilities B 3. Describe the responsibilities of citizenship with emphasis on: a. voting; b. obeying laws; c. respecting the rights of others;	Problem Solving D 6. Use a problem- solving/decision- making process which includes: a. identifying a problem; b. gathering information; c. listing and
None	example of a market where buyers and sellers exchange goods and services. 7. Identify examples of economic	decisions.	d. being informed about current issues; e. paying taxes.	considering options; d. considering advantages and disadvantages of options;
Geography None	Note: As part of the unit, use the district's predetermined children's literature selection for teaching Economic Indicators.	Note: Strategies & Resources: See pages 3 rd – 8 & 9 and 15 or teaching ideas and materials.		e. choosing and implementing a solution; f. evaluate the success or failure of the solution.