

Loyalsock Township School District

Benchmarks: What Students Should Know and Be Able to Do

Social Studies

Topic: Welcome to School

Students will view and discuss the American Flag and the Pledge of Allegiance. They will discuss friendship and understand that teachers help them learn. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 5.1.3.C, 5.1.3.D, and 5.1.3.F.

Topic: Location

Students will learn terms that describe relative location (e.g., near, far, etc.), understand the purpose of maps and globes, and describe the location of places in the school. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 7.1.3.A, 7.1.3.B, 7.2.3.A, and 7.3.3.A.

Topic: Rules

Students will understand the necessity of rules and the consequences of breaking them. They will identify authority figures at home and school, and discuss the actions of good citizens. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 5.2.3.D, 5.1.3.A, 5.1.3.B, and 5.3.3.D.

Topic: Responsibility

Students will learn that a responsibility is a duty to do or not do something and will discuss examples of responsibility and privacy. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 5.2.3.A, 8.1.3.B, and 8.1.3.C.

Topic: Time

Students will understand calendar time (e.g., days, weeks, months). Students will use words and phrases related to chronology and time. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standard: 8.1.3.A.

Topic: History

Students will learn that history tells the story of people in the past and things that happened in the past. They will also learn about Christopher Columbus and Columbus Day. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 7.1.3.A, 7.1.3.B, 8.1.3.A, 8.1.3.B, 8.1.3.C, and 8.3.3.A.

Topic: Where Do You Live?

Students will understand that we can describe where we live in many different ways. They will know their own phone number, address, city and state. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 7.1.3.A and 7.1.3.B.

Topic: Timelines

Students will understand how to use and create a timeline using words and phrases related to time. They will begin to develop an awareness of primary sources. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 8.1.3.A, 8.1.3.C, 8.3.3.C, and 8.3.3.D.

Topic: Needs and Wants

Students will identify the difference between needs and wants and will understand that people work to earn money for things they need and want. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 6.1.3.A, 6.1.3.B, 8.1.3.A, 8.1.3.B, and 8.1.3.C.

Topic: The First Thanksgiving

Students will learn about the Mayflower's journey to America, the experiences of the Pilgrims, and the hardships of surviving in a new country. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 5.1.3.C, 5.1.3.F, 7.1.3.A, 7.1.3.B, 7.4.3.A, and 8.4.3.D.

Topic: Earth

Students will identify basic landforms, bodies of water and cardinal directions. They will explain that maps and globes help locate places. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 7.1.3.A, 7.1.3.B, and 7.2.3.B.

Topic: Seasons

Students will learn about seasons on Earth and will describe seasonal weather changes. They will understand how weather affects people and the environment. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standard: 7.4.3.A.

Topic: Weather

Students will learn about different types of weather and some effects it has on people and the environment. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 7.1.3.A, 7.1.3.B, and 7.4.3.A.

Topic: Good Citizens

Students will demonstrate ways to resolve conflicts by being good citizens and discuss ways for groups to make decisions fairly. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 5.2.3.D, 5.1.3.A, 5.1.3.B, 5.1.3.C, 5.2.3.A, 5.3.3.F, and 5.3.3.G.

Topic: Maps and Globes

Students will understand that maps and globes help locate places and will differentiate between land and water features. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 7.1.3.A, 7.1.3.B, 7.2.3.A, and 7.2.3.B.

Topic: Which Way?

Students will learn about cardinal directions and identify basic bodies of water near the United States and in other places on Earth. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 7.1.3.A, 7.1.3.B, 7.2.3.A, and 7.2.3.B.

Topic: Holidays

Students will learn about some ways people of different cultures and countries celebrate holidays. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 8.4.3.A, 8.4.3.B, and 8.4.3.C.

Topic: Presidents and Patriots

Students will learn about presidents and other patriotic men and women in the U.S. prior to 1880 (e.g., George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Harriet Tubman). This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 5.1.3.C, 5.1.3.F, 5.2.3.C, 8.1.3.A, 8.1.3.B, 8.1.3.C, 8.2.3.A, 8.2.3.C, 8.2.3.D, 8.3.3.A, 8.3.3.C, and 8.3.3.D.

Topic: American Monuments

Students will learn about important buildings, statues, and monuments associated with American history (e.g., the White House, Mount Rushmore). This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 5.2.3.D, 5.1.3.F, 5.2.3.A, and 5.2.3.C.

Topic: Celebrate America

Students will learn about the way American symbols, holidays, and patriotic activities reflect the shared values, principles and beliefs of Americans. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 5.1.3.C, 5.1.3.D, 5.1.3.F, 5.2.3.C, 8.1.3.B, 8.1.3.C, 8.2.3.A, 8.2.3.B, 8.2.3.C, 8.2.3.D, 8.3.3.A, 8.3.3.B, 8.3.3.C, 8.3.3.D, and 8.4.3.A.

Topic: Rights and Responsibilities

Students will discuss the individual rights and responsibilities they have as part of their family, school, and community. They will demonstrate the characteristics of a good citizen. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 5.2.3.D, 5.1.3.A, 5.1.3.B, 5.2.3.A, and 5.2.3.B.

Topic: Consumers and Producers

Students will understand the difference between consumers and producers and between goods and services. They will discuss needs and wants and the way people get things they need and want. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 6.1.3.B, 6.2.3.A, 6.3.3.A, 6.4.3.A, 6.5.3.A, 6.5.3.B, 8.1.3.A, and 8.1.3.B.

Topic: Jobs People Do

Students will learn about work and discuss the jobs people do in their communities. They will describe tools or equipment needed for some jobs. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 5.1.3.F, 5.3.3.C, 6.3.3.A, 6.4.3.A, 6.5.3.A, and 6.5.3.B.

Topic: Money

Students will understand the basic concepts of spending and saving money. They will recognize that U.S. currency comes in different forms. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 6.2.3.A, 6.5.3.G, and 6.5.3.H.