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How Will Your Child Learn about Social Studies?

In social studies grades primary–3, children will be introduced to three important skill sets that they will practise and refine throughout their education: Communication, Inquiry, and Participation.

Communication

Your child will listen, read, view, interpret, and express ideas and information.

Inquiry

Your child will formulate questions, investigate problems, analyse relevant information, and develop conclusions supported by evidence.

Participation

Your child will act, both independently and with others, in ways that respect and value the customs, beliefs, and practices of others.

How Can You Promote Social Studies at Home?

- Share family and community stories with your child.
- Help your child make sense news stories
- Provide opportunities for your child to participate in community organizations and events.
- Help your child interpret maps and other forms of geographic information.

Let's talk about ...

Social Studies Grades Primary–3



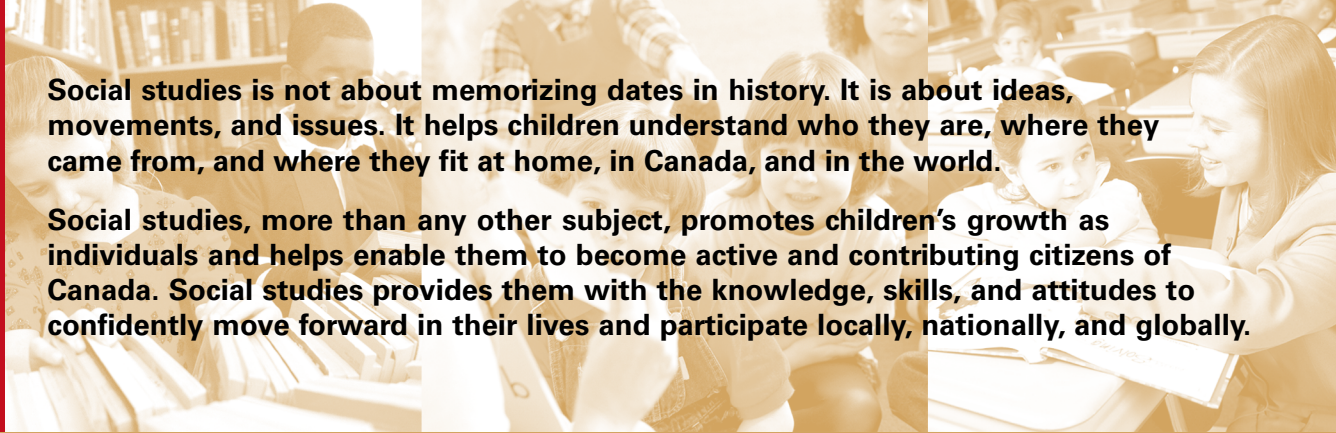
This pamphlet is part of a series to inform parents about the Nova Scotia Department of Education Public School Program for students in grades primary to 3.

For more information, contact your child's teacher.

The Atlantic Canada social studies curriculum will enable and encourage students to examine issues, respond critically and creatively, and make informed decisions as individuals and as citizens of Canada and of an increasingly interdependent world.

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Social studies is not about memorizing dates in history. It is about ideas, movements, and issues. It helps children understand who they are, where they came from, and where they fit at home, in Canada, and in the world.

Social studies, more than any other subject, promotes children's growth as individuals and helps enable them to become active and contributing citizens of Canada. Social studies provides them with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to confidently move forward in their lives and participate locally, nationally, and globally.

There are six important areas of study that your child will explore in social studies grades primary–3.

Citizenship:

Rights and Responsibilities

Diversity:

Understanding and Valuing

Relationships:

Individuals, Groups, and Societies

Economics:

Needs and Wants

Geography:

People, Places, and Environment

History:

Time, Continuity, and Change

Grade Primary

Connections

Children will learn how they are connected to a family and to a community, and will look at other communities in Nova Scotia, Canada, and the world.

Grade 2

Change

Children will investigate the role of change in people's lives, including their own, and will examine the causes and effects of change on families, work, communities, and technology.

Grade 1

Interactions

Children will explore the similarities and differences among groups of people, and will begin to consider the rights and responsibilities of individuals within groups.

Grade 3

Provincial Identity

Children will study the history and geography of Nova Scotia, and will explore the contributions made by various groups and individuals to the development of the province.

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