

**SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM SUMMARY**

The purpose of the Social Studies Curriculum Summary is to present an overview of the Geography and History of the Western Hemisphere curriculum. Parents are the intended audience of the Social Studies Curriculum Summary.

**Unit 1 – Geography**

Students will study the Five Themes of Geography with an emphasis on major land masses and bodies of water. The political and physical geography of Canada and Mexico will also be explored.

**Unit 2 – Culture and Canada and Mexico**

Students will study the essential elements of culture. These essential elements of culture will be applied to people living and working in Canada and Mexico today.

**Unit 3 – History: Canada, Mexico, United States**

Students will study a variety of historical events that include European settlements, revolution and independence of Canada, Mexico and the United States.

**Current Events**

Various types of news media (television, radio, newspapers, internet, etc.) will be used to explore International, National, State and Local news.