

Social Studies Standard

Demonstrates basic understanding of the world in which they live.

Your child's understanding of the roles of the people in the environment (family, community helpers, etc.) as well as your child's understanding of time is important in order for them to understand their community.



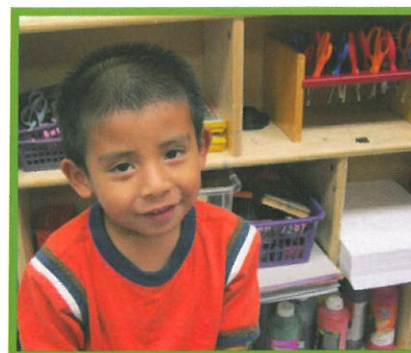
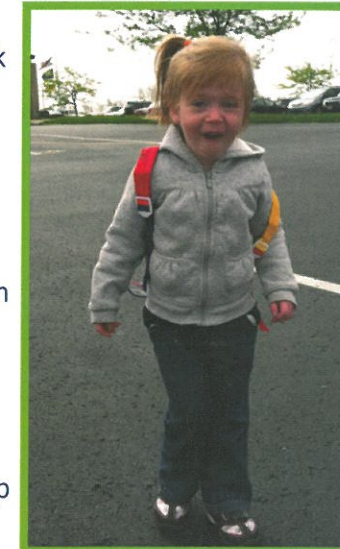
What does it mean?

- Ability to identify family, friends and strangers.
- Understanding time as related to the past, present and future.
- Understanding that people come from different places.
- Ability to understand simple rules.



What are some things you can do with your child?

- Spend time with your child reflecting on their past and future experiences. Talk about what they did at grandma's house last week and their plans for a play date with a friend the next week.
- Point out changes in the environment to your child and talk about them with your child – talk about the changing leaves in the fall and the heat in the summer.
- Introduce your child to maps. Let your child play with your maps and help them draw maps of their world, like a map of their room or a map to the backyard.
- Expose your child to money and its function. Have your child help you pay for the groceries at the grocery store and play with "fake money" in their room.
- Set reasonable limits for your child and help your child to follow the limits. Help your child understand that their behavior has consequences. "You'll need to pick up the blocks that you've knocked off the table because we won't have room for the game on the floor."
- Help your child understand and follow the rules in different settings. For example, "We use quiet voices in the library."
- Provide predictable routines for your child. Predictability helps your child to understand what is going to happen next.
- Have conversations with your child about your family. Drawing pictures of family members and talking about the relationships that exist such as father, mother, sister, brother, aunt, uncle, etc.
- Use everyday opportunities to talk about how people are the same and different. Consider differences in food choices ("I like pizza and you love hamburgers.") as well as differences in skin color, language, and ability.



Approaches to Learning: Persistence and Attentiveness

When your child follows a map of the backyard to find the "treasure" waiting, he/she is being persistent and attentive in following the "clues" to the "treasure."