

(Kindergarten)

Unit #: 1 Welcome to School: Meeting New People, Establishing Rules Summary and Rationale

This unit focuses on meeting new friends in the classroom as well as establishing rules. Through this unit, students will be exposed to the many new people that they will meet in school. They will begin to learn the importance of social skills and how to properly socialize with each other within the classroom and building. They will also learn the rules of the classroom and the school.

This unit is extremely important to kindergarten students. Many are coming to school for the first time, with no prior experience in a classroom setting. Throughout this unit, students will learn how to meet and make new friends. They will also begin to learn the rules of the classroom, which sets the tone for the remainder of the year. Rules can be created by students or teacher, and posted in the classroom. While learning classroom and school rules, students will also learn about consequences, which occur when a rule is broken. Sharing, taking turns, and other aspects of good classroom behavior are taught.

Recommended Pacing

Approximately 14 days

	Standards
NJ Student I	Learning Standards
<u>CPI</u>	CPI Description
6.1.P.A.1	Demonstrate an understanding of rules by following most classroom routines.
6.1.P.A.2	Demonstrate responsibility by initiating simple classroom tasks and jobs.
6.1.P.A.3	Demonstrate appropriate behavior when collaborating with others.
6.1.P.B.1	Develop an awareness of the physical features of the neighborhood/community.
6.1.P.B.2	Identify, discuss, and role-play the duties of a range of community workers.
6.1.P.D.1	Describe characteristics of oneself, one's family, and others.
6.1.P.D.2	Demonstrate an understanding of family roles and traditions.
6.1.4.A.1	Explain how rules and laws created by community, state, and national governments protect the
	rights of people, help resolve conflicts, and promote the common good.
6.3.4.A.1	Determine what makes a good rule or law and apply this understanding to rules and laws in your
	school or community (e.g., bike helmet, recycling).

C3 Framework Inquiry Arc

Dimension 1 –Developing Questions and Planning Inquiries	Dimension 2 – Applying Disciplinary Concepts
 Develop, with appropriate guidance, inquiry questions linked to essential questions for the unit. Explain how essential questions concerning classroom rules and 	 Use important concepts from civics to create and analyze rules and procedures for the classroom. Explain why it is necessary for classrooms to have rules. Explain what makes a good rule.

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	and provide some sense of closure
SL.1.1	Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about grade 1 topics and texts with
	peers and adults in small and larger groups
SL.1.2	Ask and answer questions about key details in a text read aloud or information presented orally or
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	Instructional Focus
Enduring Und	derstanding(s)
	classroom has rules.
	school has rules.
	are important because they help us stay safe and learn.
	nake new friends in kindergarten
	person is an individual with unique qualities.
	classroom is made up of individuals, and we come together to help each other learn.
	ents help everyone in the classroom learn when we treat everyone with respect.
Essential Que	
	t is a rule?
	are rules important?
	t makes a good rule?
	rules ever be broken?
	should we follow rules?
	do we need rules?
	can we make new friends?
	can we be nice to new friends?
	t does it mean to be a part of a classroom community?
	can I make my classroom a better place?
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Suggested Inc	
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	t should happen if you break a rule?
	t do you do if you see someone break a rule?
	t do good friends do?
	am I the same as others? How am I different?
	can we accept ourselves and others?
	can I show respect for others?
	t are the rewards/consequences of making decisions/choices?
	can we share toys, games and other classroom items?
	Learning (Assessments – parenthetical notes reference competencies) help develop rules for the classroom.
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- Students discuss ways to be a good friend
- Solve problems in fair ways (ex: "How many computers do we have in our class? We have more people in our class that might want to use them. What should we do?" .. discuss ways to share/take turns
- our class that might want to use them. What should we do? ... discuss ways to share/take turns
- Role play scenarios where students follow or break classroom rules. Discuss why rules are important.
 "Star Student" or "Person of the Week" to learn about and discuss similarities and differences between

students.

Objectives

Students will know or learn:

- We should all follow rules
- We should all be nice to the new friends we make.
- Rules and laws are important.

Students will be able to:

- Identify rules
- Explain why rules are necessary
- Explain why we should follow rules.
- Contribute to the development of classroom rules.
- Identify specific rules in the school.
- Identify a rule and explain why it is important.
- Explain the reasons for consequences when not following the rules.
- Explain socially appropriate classroom behaviors (ex: sharing, taking turns)

Integration

Technology Integration and Use of Data

- BrainPop Jr.
- Rand McNally Digital World Atlas

Writing Integration

- Through interactive or shared writing, help develop a list of classroom rules
- Star Student write about why the star student is special (Class book/Chart for each student)

Competencies

- Collaboration: all
- Communication: all
- Research: Learning and evaluation, Retention and application
- Problem Solving: all
- Awareness and direction: all

Suggested Resources

District-wide Resources

- Jumbo Atlas (Nystrom)
- <u>My New Friend</u> (National Geographic)
- <u>Remember the Rules</u> (Benchmark)
- <u>Helping Friends</u> (Benchmark)
- <u>I Follow Rules at School</u> (Benchmark)

Other Suggested Resources

- <u>The Sneetches</u> by Dr. Seuss
- <u>Have You Filled Your Bucket Today</u>?
- <u>Know and Follow Rules</u> by C. Meiners
- <u>David Goes to School</u> by D. Shannon
- <u>Never Spit on Your Shoes by D. Cazet</u>
- Howard P. Wigglebottom series, H. Binkow



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Unit #: 2 My School Throughout the Seasons: Autumn Summary and Rationale

This unit focuses on changes that occur in our school and community in the fall such as Columbus Day and The First Thanksgiving. Students will learn about fall holidays and traditions. Through these studies, children will learn about different types of people and cultures. Understanding and evaluating change over time is a key feature of historical thinking. It involves discussing why events occur and how they shape our lives today. Historical inquiry requires knowledge of significant events, individuals, groups, and ideas. Developing historical knowledge and connecting it with historical investigations helps students remember the content more because it holds meaning, and also helps them to become better thinkers. Through these studies, children will learn more about meeting new people and cooperation.

Students will learn that celebrations honor people in history (ex.: Christopher Columbus), or influential events in our country's history (ex.: The First Thanksgiving). They will also learn the importance of American symbols and what they represent. They will understand that these events, people, and ideas shape how we live our lives today. By studying holidays that are celebrated by different cultures, students will learn skills that revolve around the theme of cooperation, and getting along. They will learn how Christopher Columbus met new people, how the Pilgrims and Indians cooperated with each other and solved conflicts, etc. They will relate these skills to how they interact with each other inside and outside of the classroom.

Recommended Pacing

Approximately 14 days.

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Describe characteristics of oneself, one's family, and others.		
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Explain how rules and laws created by community, state, and national governments protect the		
rights of people, help resolve conflicts, and promote the common good.		
Determine what makes a good rule or law and apply this understanding to rules and laws in your		
school or community (e.g., bike helmet, recycling).		
Compare and contrast information that can be found on different types of maps and determine		
how the information may be useful.		
Distinguish between needs and wants and explain how scarcity and choice influence decisions		
made by individuals, communities, and nations.		
Explain the role of historical symbols, monuments, and holidays and how they affect the		

	American identity.	
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D4.1.K-2.	Construct an argument with reasons.
D4.4.K-2.	Ask and answer questions about arguments
D4.5.K-2.	• Ask and answer questions about explanations.
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	ns v. today)
	rican holidays have historical significance and are celebrated with different traditions and symbols.
Essential Que	
• Why do we celebrate Columbus Day?	
	do people celebrate Columbus Day?
	Christopher Columbus show good character?
•	do we celebrate Veteran's Day?
	is a Veteran?
	do we celebrate Thanksgiving?
	and why do people celebrate Veteran's Day?
How do people celebrate Thanksgiving?	
• How do veterans show good character?	
	were the Pilgrims? Who were the Indians?
Themes	
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Suggested Inc	quiries:
• How	do we celebrate in our country?
• Who	are historical figures we celebrate in our country?

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	The role of historical figures and symbols
	Celebrated people or events
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	Describe the meaning of Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, The First Thanksgiving (Pilgrims/Indians)
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	BrainPop Jr.
	Discovery Education
	cholastic Let's Find Out website
	ng Integration
	nformational writing Cards to Veterans
	ournal writing (ex: I am thankful for)
	Thematic activities
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	Collaboration: all
	Communication: all
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	Problem Solving: all
	Awareness and direction: all
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]	<u>The Four Seasons (National Geographic)</u>
Ī	Rex Loves the Rain (National Geographic)
	Places in My Community (National Geographic)
	Different Kinds of Homes (National Geographic)
	<u>The Seasons</u> (National Geographic)
_	<u>Sun With Our Friends</u> (Benchmark)
_	<u>Vote!</u> (Benchmark)
,	Virtual Economics 4.5 (Council for Economic Education)
<u>the</u>	r Suggested Resources
	<u>Who Was Christopher Columbus?</u> By B. Bader
	Vational Geographic: Brave Like Me by B. Kerley
	Vhat Was the First Thanksgiving? By J. Holub
	The First Thanksgiving by L. Hayward
-	ilgrims' First Thanksgiving by A. McGovern
	quanto's Journey: The Story of the First Thanksgiving by J. Bruchac
	Granddad Bud by S. Ferry

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- Veteran's Day by J. Cotton Additional thematic books •



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Unit #: 3 My School Throughout the Seasons: Winter Summary and Rationale

This unit focuses on changes that occur in our school and community in the winter. Students will learn about winter holidays and how holidays are celebrated around the world. Through these studies, children will learn about different types of people and cultures. Understanding and evaluating change over time is a key feature of historical thinking. It involves discussing why events occur and how they shape our lives today. Historical inquiry requires knowledge of significant events, individuals, groups, and ideas. Developing historical knowledge and connecting it with historical investigations helps students remember the content more because it holds meaning, and also helps them to become better thinkers.

Students will learn that celebrations honor people in history (ex.: Martin Luther King, Jr., Abraham Lincoln, George Washington), or influential events in our country's history, and events that are celebrated by people belonging to other cultures (ex.: Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa). They will also learn the importance of American symbols and what they represent. They will understand that these events, people, and ideas shape how we live our lives today. By studying holidays that are celebrated by different cultures, students will learn skills that revolve around the theme of cooperation, getting along, and differences between different heritages. They will learn that people celebrate in different ways. They will apply this learning through various activities for different cultural holidays.

Recommended Pacing

Approximately 14 days

Standards

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6.1.P.D.1	Describe characteristics of oneself, one's family, and others.	
6.1.P.D.2	Demonstrate an understanding of family roles and traditions.	
6.1.4.A.1	Explain how rules and laws created by community, state, and national governments protect the	
	rights of people, help resolve conflicts, and promote the common good.	
6.3.4.A.1	Determine what makes a good rule or law and apply this understanding to rules and laws in your	
	school or community (e.g., bike helmet, recycling).	
6.1.4.B.1	Compare and contrast information that can be found on different types of maps and determine	
	how the information may be useful.	
6.1.4.C.2	Distinguish between needs and wants and explain how scarcity and choice influence decisions	
	made by individuals, communities, and nations.	
6.1.4.D.17	Explain the role of historical symbols, monuments, and holidays and how they affect the	
	American identity.	

6.1.4.D.18	Explain how an individual's belie	efs, values, and traditions may reflect more than one culture.
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Students will know or learn:

- How we celebrate holidays
- The role of historical figures and symbols
- Celebrated people or events

Students will be able to:

- Describe the meaning of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, President's Day,
- Identify different holidays that are celebrated by different cultures in our country (Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, etc.)
- Identify historical figures

Integration

Technology Integration and Use of Data

- BrainPop Jr.
- Discovery Education
- Scholastic Let's Find Out website
- Writing Integration
- Informational writing
- Journal writing

Competencies

- Collaboration: all
- Communication: all
- Research: Learning and evaluation, Retention and application
- Problem Solving: all
- Awareness and direction: all

Suggested Resources

District-wide Resources

- <u>Jumbo Atlas</u> (Nystrom)
- <u>Weather in the City</u> (National Geographic)
- <u>Places in My Community</u> (National Geographic)
- <u>Different Kinds of Homes</u> (National Geographic)
- <u>Holidays Are Great Days!</u> (Benchmark)
- <u>Fun With Our Friends</u> (Benchmark)
- <u>Remembering Dr. King</u> (Benchmark)
- <u>People We Celebrate</u> (Benchmark)
- Virtual Economics 4.5 (Council for Economic Education)

Other Suggested Resources

- <u>My Brother Martin</u> By Christine King Farris
- The Story of Martin Luther King, Jr. by J. Moore
- Martin's Big Words By D. Rappaport
- <u>President's Day</u> by A. Rockwell
- Thematic holiday books



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Unit #: 4 My School Throughout the Seasons: Spring and Summer

Summary and Rationale

Understanding and evaluating change over time is a key feature of historical thinking. It involves discussing why events occur and how they shape our lives today. Historical inquiry requires knowledge of significant events, individuals, groups, and ideas. Developing historical knowledge and connecting it with historical investigations helps students remember the content more because it holds meaning, and also helps them to become better thinkers.

This unit focuses on holidays and events that are celebrated during the spring and summer. Students will learn that these celebrations honor people in history (ex.: fallen soldiers), or influential events in our country's history (ex.: Independence Day). They will also learn the importance of American symbols, such as our flag, and what they represent. They will understand that these events, people, and ideas shape how we live our lives today.

Recommended Pacing

Approximately 14 days

Standards

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6.1.P.A.1	Demonstrate an understanding of rules by following most classroom routines.
6.1.P.A.2	Demonstrate responsibility by initiating simple classroom tasks and jobs.
6.1.P.A.3	Demonstrate appropriate behavior when collaborating with others.
6.1.P.B.1	Develop an awareness of the physical features of the neighborhood/community.
6.1.P.B.2	Identify, discuss, and role-play the duties of a range of community workers.
6.1.P.D.1	Describe characteristics of oneself, one's family, and others.
6.1.P.D.2	Demonstrate an understanding of family roles and traditions.
6.1.4.A.1	Explain how rules and laws created by community, state, and national governments protect the
	rights of people, help resolve conflicts, and promote the common good.
6.3.4.A.1	Determine what makes a good rule or law and apply this understanding to rules and laws in you
	school or community (e.g., bike helmet, recycling).
6.1.4.B.1	Compare and contrast information that can be found on different types of maps and determine
	how the information may be useful.
6.1.4.C.2	Distinguish between needs and wants and explain how scarcity and choice influence decisions
	made by individuals, communities, and nations.
6.1.4.D.17	Explain the role of historical symbols, monuments, and holidays and how they affect the
	American identity.
6.1.4.D.18	Explain how an individual's beliefs, values, and traditions may reflect more than one culture.

 inquiry questions Explain he concerning procedures Develop a and explain answer the stimulate a Identify he questions view and in the stimulate and the stim	with appropriate guidance, nestions linked to essential for the unit. ow essential questions g classroom rules and s are important. ppropriate supporting questions, in how these questions help e essential questions and can additional questions. ow the essential and supporting can reflect multiple points of influence the choice and n of resources for the inquiry.	 Use important concepts from civics to create and analyze rules and procedures for the classroom. Explain why it is necessary for classrooms to have rules. Explain what makes a good rule. Explain why rules are necessary inside and outside of school.
	aluating Sources and Using	Dimension 4 – Communicating Conclusions and Taking
Evidence		Informed Action
Students will:		Students will:
	evant information from multiple	• Construct arguments, explanations, and solutions to
	representing a wide range of	inquiries, presenting these arguments, explanations,
views	xamples include:	and solutions via a variety of methods and media
	hildren's Literature	while featuring evocative ideas and perspectives.
	ules from classroom and home	• Critique the strengths and weaknesses of presented
		• Critique the strengths and weaknesses of presented solutions to inquiries.
		•Possible examples include:
		o Role playing (ex.: proper behavior vs. improper
		behavior)
		o Informative writing
	C3 Framework	Indicators (K-12 Pathways)
C3 Indicator	C3 Indicator Description	
D1.1.K-2	• Explain why the compel	lling question is important to the student
D1.2.K-2		as associated with a compelling question.
D1.3.K-2		pts associated with a supporting question
D1.4.K-2.		een supporting questions and compelling questions
D1.5.K-2	• Determine the kinds of s	sources that will be helpful in answering compelling and
	supporting questions	
D2.Civ.1.K-2.	·	onsibilities of people in authority.
D2.Civ.2.K-2.		not just official leaders, play important roles in a community.
D2.Civ.3.K-2.	• Explain the need for and school.	l purposes of rules in various settings inside and outside of
D2.Civ.7.K-2.	Apply civic virtues when	n participating in school settings.
D2.Civ.8.K-2.	• Describe democratic pri authority and rules.	nciples such as equality, fairness, and respect for legitimate
D2.Civ.9.K-2.	· ·	es for discussions while responding attentively to others when
	e 1	king decisions as a group.
D2.Civ.10.K-2.		t of view with others' perspectives
D2.Civ.11.K-2.	Explain how people can	work together to make decisions in the classroom
D2.Civ.12.K-2.		v rules function in public (classroom and school) settings.
D2.Civ.14.K-2.	· · ·	ve tried to improve their communities over time.
D2.Geo.1.K-2.		and other representations of familiar places.
D4.1.K-2.	Construct an argument v	
D4.4.K-2.	Ask and answer question	
D4.5.K-2.	Ask and answer question	ns about explanations.

Common Co	ore Standards	
CCR	CCR Description	
CCR #	CCR text	
RI.1.1	Ask and answer questions about key details in a text	
RI.1.2	Identify the main topic and retell key details of a text	
RI.1.4	Ask and answer questions to help determine or clarify the meaning of words and phrases in a text	
W.1.2	Write informative/explanatory texts in which they name a topic, supply some facts about the topic,	
	and provide some sense of closure	
SL.1.1	Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about grade 1 topics and texts with	
	peers and adults in small and larger groups	
SL.1.2	Ask and answer questions about key details in a text read aloud or information presented orally or	
	through other media.	
Interdisciplinary Connections		
Standard x.x		
CPI #	Cumulative Progress Indicator (CPI)	
	f Technology	
Standard x.x		
CPI #	Cumulative Progress Indicator (CPI)	
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	Instructional Focus	
Enduring Un	derstanding(s)	
• American holidays have historical significance and are celebrated with different traditions and symbols.		
• The American Flag, Pledge of Allegiance, and God Bless America are symbols of America.		
 Memorial Day is when we show respect for the soldiers who died for our country. 		
 Independence Day is when we celebrate our country's birthday 		
Essential Questions		
Why do we celebrate Memorial Day?		
 How do we celebrate Memorial Day? 		
 How do we construct Memorial Day? How do we show respect for our country on Memorial Day? 		
 Why do we celebrate Flag Day? 		
-	do we celebrate Flag Day?	
 Why do we celebrate Independence Day? 		
 How do we celebrate Independence Day? How do we celebrate Independence Day? 		
Themes		
	enship	
Citiz Citiz	*	
Suggested In		
	do we celebrate in our country?	
	who are instanted ingates in the clinical states. What and they do for the country.	
 Why do we have national symbols? What are the duties of a good eitizen? How can we serve our country and communities? 		
	t are the duties of a good citizen? How can we serve our country and communities?	
Who is an "American"? Evidence of Learning (Assessments, neurothetical notes reference competencies)		
Evidence of Learning (Assessments – parenthetical notes reference competencies)		
	natic activities (holiday tradition activities)	
	ification of American figures (for example, look at a picture and be able to identify George	
	hington, Abraham Lincoln, etc.)	
	ing (example: an informational booklet about a national symbol, holiday, or American figure)	
Objectives Students will know or learn:		
	onal holidays	
 Celel 	brated people or events	

• Celebrated people or events

- Symbols are pictures that represent ideas.
- How we celebrate holidays
- The role of historical symbols and figures.

Students will be able to:

- Identify the purpose of national holidays and describe the people or events celebrated.
- Identify important American symbols and explain their meaning.
- Identify national flag
- Identify how national holidays are celebrated.
- Describe the meanings of different American holidays (Memorial Day, Independence Day)

Integration

Technology Integration and Use of Data

- BrainPop Jr.
- Scholastic.com
- Socialstudiesforkids.com
- Usflag.org
- Ipledgeallegiance.com

Writing Integration

- Informational writing (for example, write an informational book about a national symbol, famous American figure, or holiday).
- Letters writing (ex: letters to soldiers serving overseas)

Competencies

- Collaboration: all
- Communication: all
- Research: Learning and evaluation, Retention and application
- Problem Solving: all
- Awareness and direction: all

Suggested Resources

District-wide Resources

- Jumbo Atlas (Nystrom)
- <u>Summer is Here</u> (National Geographic)
- <u>Where Can You Shop?</u> (National Geographic)
- <u>Dad's Flowers</u> (National Geographic)
- <u>The Flag</u> (Benchmark)
- <u>People We Celebrate</u> (Benchmark)
- Symbols of the US (Benchmark)
- <u>Being a Responsible Citizen</u> (Benchmark)
- Virtual Economics 4.5/econoedlink https://www.econedlink.org/

Other Suggested Resources

- <u>Memorial Day</u> by J. S. Cotton
- Memorial Day Surprise by T. Golding
- Independence Day by T. Trueit
- The Fourth of July Story by A. Dagliess
- Additional thematic picture books