

PETERS TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

THIRD GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES

GRADE 3

For each of the sections that follow, students may be required to understand, apply, analyze, evaluate, or create the particular concepts being taught.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Students will learn about economics and map skills. Pittsburgh, our hometown, and heritage will also be studied through research projects and classroom activities. Regional government and citizenship, comparing Peters Township and Washington County, will be explored.

STUDY SKILLS

- Maintain and organize a Social Studies folder
- Adequately prepare for quizzes and exams through the development of study skills using study guides
- Use and apply reference skills

MAJOR UNIT THEMES:

1. ECONOMICS

- Introduction to the basic principles of economics
- How production is dependent on three types of resources
- How consumers make economic choices
- Project-based learning experience: to design & make a product, market it, and sell it to classmates

2. MAP SKILLS

- Basic global literacy
- Use on-line maps and interactive technology
- Read & interpret various types of maps and their keys

3. PITTSBURGH, OUR HOMETOWN & HERITAGE

- Historical development & Immigration in Pittsburgh

- Physical features of Pittsburgh
- Man-made features of Pittsburgh
- Entrepreneurship & Innovation in Pittsburgh
- Research project based on famous people, places, or things in Pittsburgh

4. REGIONAL GOVERNMENT & CITIZENSHIP

- Comparison of Peters Township & Washington County
- Ways we can promote citizenship in our communities
- Examples of economic development in Washington County

MATERIALS: (and Supplemental materials used in course):

- Stratalogica Interactive Map Skills
- People and Communities
- Supplemental books from school library
- District owned and approved DVDs
- Scholastic News periodical

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