

Teaching Unit: *Class Constitution*

Essential Understandings

School rules are important for helping to keep students safe so they can work, play, and learn together.

Sub Topic: *Civics & Government*

Knowledge and Skills

We have a responsibility to act safely while at school.

We have a responsibility to be kind toward others while at school.

We have the right to be safe while at school.

We have the right to be treated kindly while at school.

Teaching Unit: *Our Country's Symbols*

Essential Understandings

A symbol is something that visually stands for an object, idea, group, or quality.

There are special symbols that stand for the United States of America.

Sub Topic: *Civics & Government*

Knowledge and Skills

Recognize and explain the importance of the American flag, the Statue of Liberty, the Liberty Bell, the Presidential Seal, the White House, and the bald eagle as symbols for the United States of America.

Symbols for the United States of America can be seen in many places in our community, state, and country.

Teaching Unit: *Family Customs and Traditions*

Essential Understandings

A custom or a tradition is something families always do or always do in a certain way.

Families have both unique and common customs and traditions.

Sub Topic: *Continuity & Change*

Knowledge and Skills

Every family has customs and traditions.

Some family customs and traditions are common to many families, and others are unique.

Teaching Unit: ***Maine Products***

Essential Understandings

Maine produces many products for commercial and personal use.

Sub Topic: ***Economics***

Knowledge and Skills

Recognize seven products that are produced and sold to help people earn a living in Maine: *potatoes, blueberries, lobsters, logging, dairy products, maple syrup, and textiles.*

Understand the effect *weather, the economy (supply and demand), and government regulations* have on the market value of each of the above mentioned products.

Explain the difference between a natural resource (anything that comes from nature and can be used by people) and a product (something that is made by a man or a machine).
