

MAKING TIME FOR SCIENCE AND SOCIAL STUDIES

Useful strategies to help elementary school teachers find time for science and social studies in their packed schedules.

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1. TEACH SCIENCE AND SOCIAL STUDIES UNITS SEPARATELY

Teaching units separately provides students with the opportunity to dive deeper into each subject.

2. TEACH THEMATIC UNITS

Incorporate science/ social studies content into reader's and writer's workshops.

3. TEACH SCIENCE/SOCIAL STUDIES IN LIEU OF WRITER'S WORKSHOP

If possible, take one or two days each week to teach science or social studies during writing time.

4. CHOOSE SCIENCE AND SOCIAL STUDIES TEXTS FOR GUIDED READING GROUPS

Strategically pick science and social studies texts that align with your current unit of study.

5. MAKE SCIENCE AND SOCIAL STUDIES TEXTS AVAILABLE AND ACCESSIBLE IN YOUR CLASSROOM LIBRARY

Have "thematic unit" book bins accessible for students during independent reading time.

6. HOME PROJECTS

Science and social studies take-home projects promote further discovery for students.

7. COLLABORATE WITH SCHOOL SCIENCE TEACHER

Provide students with science content whenever and wherever possible.

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