

Simple, everyday activities to help develop your child's social studies skills

STANDARD: Demonstrates Awareness of Places (Geography)

- ☐ **IDENTIFY COMMUNITY LANDMARKS** While riding in the car, taking a bus, or walking, point out community landmarks, such as schools, the police department, parks, and the hospital.
- ☐ **IDENTIFY PHYSICAL FEATURES** Tell your child about the land features where you live (bodies of water, mountains, hills, desert). If possible, take him or her to see them. Then share images of similar land features and have your child draw what he or she sees in the included journal.

STANDARD: Understands Families and Family Roles

- ☐ **IDENTIFY FAMILY MEMBERS** Look at family photos and talk with your child about who is in your family.
- ☐ **SHARE FAMILY TRADITIONS** During family celebrations and holidays, make it a point to talk to your child about where certain traditions come from and why they are important to your family.

STANDARD: Understands Community and Community Roles

- ☐ **FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS** Point out different people when you are out in the community with your child. "I see our neighbor Mr. Nuñez going into the grocery store." "There is the crossing guard who helps children get to school safely."

STANDARD: Appreciates Own Culture and Cultures of Others

- ☐ **EXPLORE CULTURES** Talk about different languages, foods, and customs you can find in your community. Look for foods from different cultures in your grocery store.

STANDARD: Understands Past, Present, and Future

- ☐ **TALK ABOUT THE DAY** Each morning say, "Today is ____." Talk about what you and your child will do that day.
- ☐ **USE TIME WORDS** Ask what your child did yesterday. "What do you think we'll do tomorrow?"