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Content Statement	1. Time can be measured.	
Content Elaborations Children use chronological vocabulary to distinguish broad categories of time such as long ago, yesterday, today and tomorrow. These early skills are foundational to an understanding of chronological order and timelines. Expectations for Learning Use chronological vocabulary correctly. Instructional Strategies When examining artifacts and/or photographs of other eras, model and encourage the correct use of chronological vocabulary. Embed the language of time throughout interactions with children (e.g., yesterday, before, soon). Use calendars to show the passage of days of the week and months in an authentic manner and to schedule and plan for events, keep track of important dates and create a classroom history. Diverse Learners Strategies for meeting the needs of all learners including gifted students, English Language Learners (ELL) and students with disabilities can be found at this site. Additional strategies and resources based on the Universal Design for Learning principles can be found at www.cast.org. Instructional Resources Connections		
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Content Statement	2. Personal history can be shared through stories and pictures.	
Content Elaborations As children begin developing a sense of time, they can practice talking about their own personal life history (e.g., birth, toddler and preschool). At this level, children begin to share their personal histories by talking and through other representations and play. Expectations for Learning Communicate personal history through stories and pictures.		Instructional Strategies Children can make a book about themselves at different ages using photos, drawings and writing samples. Diverse Learners Strategies for meeting the needs of all learners including gifted students, English Language Learners (ELL) and students with disabilities can be found at this site . Additional strategies and resources based on the Universal Design for Learning principles can be found at www.cast.org . Instructional Resources Connections
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Content Statement	3. Heritage is reflected through the arts, customs, traditions, family celebrations and language.		
Content Elaborations Heritage includes the ideas and events from the past that have shaped the world as it is today. Evidence of heritage is revealed through the arts, customs, traditions, family celebrations and language of a group of people. Children have opportunities to share family customs, traditions and celebrations to develop cultural awareness. Children can talk about the significance of family celebrations and talk about why they are important. Expectations for Learning Discuss art, customs, traditions, family celebrations and language that reflect cultural heritage.		Instructional Strategies Involve families in sharing traditions, customs and celebrations. Explore the art, music and dance of other cultures represented in the classroom. Diverse Learners Strategies for meeting the needs of all learners including gifted students, English Language Learners (ELL) and students with disabilities can be found at this site . Additional strategies and resources based on the Universal Design for Learning principles can be found at www.cast.org . Instructional Resources Connections	
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Content Statement	4. Nations are represented by symbols and practices. Symbols and practices of the United States include the American flag, Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem.	
Content Elaborations Kindergarten children learn what it means to be a citizen of the United States and how a citizen shows respect for the nation. Children begin to recognize the symbols of the United States and understand that nations are represented by symbols and practices. The American flag is the most commonly recognized symbol. Children also begin to learn about traditional practices of citizenship, like reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and singing the National Anthem. Expectations for Learning Recognize the American flag as a symbol of the United States and the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem as practices of the United States. Instructional Strategies The <i>I have... Who has...</i> game can be used to practice symbols of the United States. Diverse Learners Strategies for meeting the needs of all learners including gifted students, English Language Learners (ELL) and students with disabilities can be found at this site. Additional strategies and resources based on the Universal Design for Learning principles can be found at www.cast.org. A caller, the teacher or a student, calls out a symbol. Students pick out the correct answer from cards with various symbols on them that have been passed out. All players may have all of the symbols or this strategy can be more like bingo where players have a subset of cards. Instructional Resources Connections The music teacher may teach students the Star-Spangled Banner.		
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Topic	Spatial Thinking and Skills Spatial thinking examines the relationships among people, places and environments by mapping and graphing geographic data. Geographic data are compiled, organized, stored and made visible using traditional and geospatial technologies. Students need to be able to access, read, interpret and create maps and other geographic representations as tools of analysis.		
Content Statement	5. Terms related to direction and distance, as well as symbols and landmarks, can be used to talk about the relative location of familiar places.		
Content Elaborations A foundational concept for spatial thinking is relative location (the location of a place relative to other places). Children can describe the relative location of familiar places such as where their home is relative to the location of the school, playground, hospital, grocery store, etc. Terms related to direction and distance include up/down, over/under, here/there, front/back, behind/in front of. Children also should be able to use symbols such as letters, numbers, logos, street signs and addresses as well as landmarks like hospitals, schools, fire departments, etc., to talk about relative location. Expectations for Learning Describe the relative location of a familiar place using appropriate terms.		Instructional Strategies Take students on a walk and incorporate directional vocabulary. Using a pictorial map or drawing of the community, play I Spy. Provide children with directional clues to find an item or building on the map. (e.g., I spy a building behind the post office.) Diverse Learners Strategies for meeting the needs of all learners including gifted students, English Language Learners (ELL) and students with disabilities can be found at this site . Additional strategies and resources based on the Universal Design for Learning principles can be found at www.cast.org . Instructional Resources Connections	
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Content Statement	7. Humans depend on and impact the physical environment in order to supply food, clothing and shelter.		
Content Elaborations Food, clothing and shelter are basic needs for humans. The physical environment provides resources to meet those needs. Humans impact the physical environment when they use those resources. Have children identify natural resources such as water, trees (lumber used to build our homes), soil and sunlight. Expectations for Learning Identify natural resources that are used in the children’s daily lives.		Instructional Strategies Engage children in intentional conversations to identify and define natural resources and their importance in children’s daily lives. Diverse Learners Strategies for meeting the needs of all learners including gifted students, English Language Learners (ELL) and students with disabilities can be found at this site . Additional strategies and resources based on the Universal Design for Learning principles can be found at www.cast.org . Instructional Resources Connections	
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Topic	Civic Participation and Skills Civic participation embraces the ideal that an individual actively engages in his or her community, state or nation for the common good. Students need to practice effective communication skills including negotiation, compromise and collaboration. Skills in accessing and analyzing information are essential for citizens in a democracy.	
Content Statement	9. Individuals have shared responsibilities toward the achievement of common goals in homes, schools and communities.	
Content Elaborations Each person in the home, school and community has responsibilities. When individuals share these responsibilities, group goals are more easily accomplished. For example, children can share responsibilities to take care of a classroom garden. Expectations for Learning Identify responsibilities at home and in the school and community and describe how individuals share those responsibilities to achieve common goals. Instructional Strategies Initiate a learning project and establish individual and shared responsibilities to accomplish a common goal. Career Connection Organize the classroom to represent the larger community with various career-based learning centers (e.g., reading center: communications; toy animals: animal care; kitchen: agriculture or hospitality; dress-up: textiles or retail; toy cars: automotive). Students will role play, recognizing their responsibilities within each center as those of the respective career fields. Lead a discussion with students where they will identify the careers they experienced. Diverse Learners Strategies for meeting the needs of all learners including gifted students, English Language Learners (ELL) and students with disabilities can be found at this site. Additional strategies and resources based on the Universal Design for Learning principles can be found at www.cast.org. Center for the Social Emotional Foundations for Early Learning (CSEFEL) http://csefel.vanderbilt.edu/ Select <i>For Teachers/Caregivers</i> for free resources about developing social skills in young children. Resources also are available for parents. Connections Teach with Content Statement 10.		
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Topic	Rules and Laws Rules play an important role in guiding behavior and establishing order in families, classrooms and organizations. Laws are enacted by governments to perform similar functions.	
Content Statement	10. The purpose of rules and authority figures is to provide order, security and safety in the home, school and community.	
Content Elaborations Authority figures such as parents, principals, teachers and police officers use rules for particular settings. Rules are established to provide order, security and safety. Expectations for Learning Explain the purpose for rules at home and in the school and community.		Instructional Strategies Engage children in meaningful conversations about differing rules in the home, school and community. Diverse Learners Strategies for meeting the needs of all learners including gifted students, English Language Learners (ELL) and students with disabilities can be found at this site . Additional strategies and resources based on the Universal Design for Learning principles can be found at www.cast.org . Instructional Resources Connections Teach with Content Statement 9 .
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Topic	Scarcity There are not enough resources to produce all the goods and services that people desire.	
Content Statement	11. People have many wants and make decisions to satisfy those wants. These decisions impact others.	
Content Elaborations People make decisions every day to satisfy their wants. Others are influenced in some way by every decision that is made. For example, if one student playing in the block corner decides to use all of the triangles, no one else can use them. Expectations for Learning Explain how a decision about an individual want can impact others.		Instructional Strategies Use classroom projects and experiences as opportunities to engage children in decision making about satisfying wants and how those decisions impact others. Diverse Learners Strategies for meeting the needs of all learners including gifted students, English Language Learners (ELL) and students with disabilities can be found at this site . Additional strategies and resources based on the Universal Design for Learning principles can be found at www.cast.org . Instructional Resources Connections
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Topic	Production and Consumption Production is the act of combining natural resources, human resources, capital goods and entrepreneurship to make goods and services. Consumption is the use of goods and services.		
Content Statement	12. Goods are objects that can satisfy people’s wants. Services are actions that can satisfy people’s wants.		
Content Elaborations Goods are objects that satisfy people’s wants, such as: - Bicycles; - Books; - Gasoline; - Clothing; and - Toys. Services are activities performed by people, firms or government agencies to satisfy economic wants, such as: - Fast food (food service); - Doctors (medical services); - Lawn care (lawn fertilizing and cutting service); - Pet sitting (pet feeding and walking); - Banks (money holding and check cashing); - Auto repair (fixes cars); and - Childcare. Expectations for Learning Identify goods and services.		Instructional Strategies Engage children in intentional conversations to define and illustrate goods and services. Through dramatic play, children will demonstrate their emerging understanding of goods and services. Diverse Learners Strategies for meeting the needs of all learners including gifted students, English Language Learners (ELL) and students with disabilities can be found at this site . Additional strategies and resources based on the Universal Design for Learning principles can be found at www.cast.org . Instructional Resources Connections	
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