3RD GRADE CURRICULUM MAP 08-09

FIRST NINE WEEKS SOCIAL STUDIES

Social Studies 1st Nine Wks - 3r Grade 08-09 GPS & ELEMENTS	ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS & KEY QUESTIONS	VOCABULARY	STRATEGY/ACTIVITY	ASSESSMENT	RESOURCES
SS3G1 The student will locate major topographical features of the United States of America a. Identify major rivers of the	What are the features of a river? What are the names of the five major rivers in the USA and where are they located?	Mississippi River Ohio River Rio Grande River Colorodo River Hudson River	Graphic Organizer www.eduplace.com/sst/ Map It Activity p.39	Teacher Observation Games	Houghton Mifflin Social Studies Chapter 2- Lesson 2 pp38-39
United States of America: Mississippi, Ohio, Rio Grande, Colorado, Hudson. b. Identify major mountain ranges of the United States of America: Appalachian, Rocky. c. Locate the equator, prime meridian, and lines of latitude and longitude on a globe. d. Locate Greece on a world map.	What are the major mountain ranges in the USA and where are they located? How can I locate the equator, prime meridian, and lines of latitude and longitude on a globe? Where is Greece located on a world map?	Appalachain Mountains Rocky Mountains Equator Prime Meridian Lines of Latitude Lines of Longitude Greece	Map It Activity p. 39 Find it on the Globe Game Cooperative learning-create miniature globes locating these features	Assessment Options-pp 8-11 Assessment Options- page 83 Unit Resources page 75 Teacher Observation	Chapter 2-Lesson 2 pp 34-37 Chapter 9 pp250-251
SS3H1 The student will explain the	How have Greek architecture, law, and the Olympics	Architecture Parthenon Law	Venn Diagram	Teacher Observation Student	Chapter 1 pp 18-19

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political roots of our modern democracy in the	influenced present- day America?	Olympic Games Leaders		Participation	Chapter 8 Pages 222; Pages 226-229
United States of					Chapter 10
America					Pp- 266-267
a. Identify the influence of Greek architecture (Parthenon, U. S.		Direct Democracy	Venn Diagram		
Supreme Court building), law, and the Olympic Games on the present. b. Explain the ancient Athenians' idea that a community should choose its own leaders. c. Compare and contrast Athens as a direct democracy with	What are the differences and similarities between direct democracy and representative democracy?	Representative Democracy	Venn Diagram Classroom Election		
the United States as a representative democracy.					