

Social Studies  
2010-2011

**Course Description:**

This year in Social Studies the students will explore and use different kinds of maps to learn about the continents, countries in Europe, Spain and the Basque Country. They will learn about Spain and the different autonomous communities, especially the culture of the Basque regions.

They will read about inventions and discoveries which have changed and improved how people live today. An important part of this course is to develop the students note taking skills for studying and their understanding and acceptance of the different peoples of the world, how they are similar and different, as well as the effect on life when they cohabit. Children will learn how to solve their own problems as they arise in class, the playground and their daily lives which is another important element of this course.

**Objectives:**

- To learn to read maps.
- To locate different countries on a map.
- To distinguish and identify countries, regions and cities
- To identify each of the Basque regions, their capitals and locate them on a map.
- To investigate a province of Spain and write a report about its culture.
- To identify specific inventions and discoveries which have changed the way man has lived over time and their benefits to society.
- To identify Louis Pasteur, Louis Braille, and Alexander Graham Bell, and how their inventions or discoveries have made a change in life.
- Explain what pasteurization is.
- Explain what a vaccination is.
- To take notes for studying as they read about these people identifying the important and interesting information presented.
- In class meetings discuss problems that have arisen amongst the classmates and possible solutions, as well as any other altercations with other classes
- To treat everyone with respect at all times by not teasing or bullying.

**Content:**

- Map reading.
- Concepts of countries, regions and cities.
- To appreciate the different cultures of Spain and their diversity.
- Appreciate the diversity of the peoples of the world.
- Have a good knowledge of the Basque Autonomous Community and regions with Basque influence and culture.

- Note taking as study guides.
- Respect is shown in how we talk to and treat each other.

**Assessment:**

End of unit tests.

Project work.

Report cards will be given three (3) times a year.