

Rockwall ISD
3rd Grade Social Studies Parent Guide

	1 st Grading Period	2 nd Grading Period	3 rd Grading Period	4 th Grading Period
Units	Unit 1: Citizens of the Community Unit 2: Creating Our Nation	Unit 3: Physical & Human Characteristics of Communities Unit 4: Cultural Characteristics of Communities	Unit 5: Technology & Innovation Unit 6: Government	Unit 7: Budgeting & Business Unit 8: Road Trip
Focus TEKS	Unit 1: 3.1AB, 3.9AB, 3.11AB Unit 2: 3.1BC, 3.2AB, 3.8AB Process TEKS: 3.14ABC, 3.15ABCDE, 3.16A	Unit 3: 3.3ABC, 3.4ABC Unit 4: 3.10AB, 3.12A Process TEKS: 3.14ABC, 3.15ABCDE, 3.16A	Unit 5: 3.1AB, 3.13AB Unit 6: 3.2B, 3.7ABC, 3.8AB, 3.9CD Process TEKS: 3.14ABC, 3.15ABCDE, 3.16A	Unit 7: 3.5AB, 3.6ABCD Unit 8: 3.3AB, 3.4AC, 3.5B Process TEKS: 3.14ABC, 3.15ABCDE, 3.16A
Topic Focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe how individuals, events, and ideas change communities Identify the purpose of the Constitution & the Declaration of Independence, including Bill of Rights Identify how people, events, and ideas change communities Identify heroic deeds & historical figures who shaped communities Identify characteristics of what makes a good citizen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use a map & its features Explain the significance of various celebrations in local & various communities Identify state & national heroes Compare ethnic & cultural celebrations with other communities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify how individuals have used technology to shape communities Identify & explain how scientific breakthroughs & new technology affect communities Identify & compare ways people meet their needs within the community Discuss the basic structure of government, including officials Identify & describe civic responsibility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain the US Free Enterprise System Create a simple budget Analyze how scarcity impacts goods & services Identify entrepreneurs who have changed communities Identify landforms Analyze how people shape the landscape
Suggestions for Parental Involvement / Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask your child why the Bill of Rights was written. Discuss why it is important that people create new things in our community. Who do you consider a hero & what makes that person a hero in their community, state, or nation? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask your child to find directions using a google map of your area. Why is it important to learn about the different cultures found in Texas? How are different cultures celebrated? Discuss with your child how our lives are different living in a moderately rainy area versus living somewhere in West Texas where it is dry. Ask your child to tell you how landforms are different. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss how your area of Texas is different now than it was when your grandparents were growing up. Discuss how people you know live in a certain area for a specific reason (job, schools, lake, etc). Discuss why more people move to live in a suburb or rural areas vs. an urban. Discuss the leaders in our community, state & nation and the importance of their roles. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talk to your child when you go to the grocery store about goods & services. Discuss how fruits or vegetables may be scarce if they are not in season. Show your child your household budget; Try to create a budget for your child with their allowance. Discuss how you can create something new to share with the world. How have people changed the area around them?