# Course Overview

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<td>DESCRIPTION</td>
<td>The primary studies begin each year by centering first on the child’s immediate present and then move outward to develop important linkages with the larger world. The year therefore begins with a focus on feelings and how to deal with them. It then moves to family, family structures and responsibility of the family as part of a community. The children learn about and share cultural celebrations. Maps are used to locate familiar places and features.</td>
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| GOALS           | Students will:  
• Reflect an international dimension and a global perspective by understanding that families have different needs and wants according to their culture.  
• Investigate cultural heritages by comparing and contrasting rules their families have  
• Develop the ability to communicate with others including familiar ways of communicating with feelings and manners.  
• Foster a respect and tolerance for ideas and beliefs of other members in their neighborhood.  
• Acquire knowledge and skills to get information from pictures, charts and maps. |
| UNIT THEMES/TOPICS | 1. Feelings and communication (about 8 weeks)  
2. Families (about 8 weeks)  
3. Mapping (about 8 weeks)  
4. Conflict resolution (throughout the year) |
| LEARNING TARGETS | • Identifies, classifies and communicates feelings.  
• Analyzes conflicts and recommends strategies and solutions.  
• Formulates and prioritizes sets of rules  
• Compares and contrasts classroom, home and community rules  
• Identifies family members and describes their relationship.  
• Evaluates individual roles in the family.  
• Classifies and appraises family’s needs and wants.  
• Describes family changes and charts events on a time line.  
• Creates and interprets simple maps  
• Creates and reads symbols. |
| RESOURCES       | The World Around Us: People and Neighborhoods  
Social Studies Alive, Teachers’ Curriculum Institute  
“Feelings” by Aliki  
“Manners” by Aliki  
“How Do You Feel” & “We Are Family” by The Wright Group  
Beginning Social Studies: Self, Family and Community, and Transportation.  
Media Materials, 1985  
Various literature in the classroom and in the library having to do with these topics.  
Calendar |