

Social Studies

Young children are curious learners and they try to make sense of their physical and social worlds. Social studies in early childhood help young children understand the world and the different people in it. Exploring the social world begins with learning about families, close communities and later the larger communities of people in the world.

Here are some activities you can do at home to help your child explore the social world:

- Draw maps of your home, your neighborhood or town.
- Discuss how people, families and communities are the same and different. Help your child to appreciate people who are different from them.
- Talk about when you were little. Children love to hear stories and can begin to learn about history and time.
- Teach your child about different languages and cultures.
- Play with your child acting out community jobs (“Food Store”, “Doctor”, “Vet Clinic”, etc.)