



## **Grade 1**

The focus of the first grade curriculum is to develop an understanding of the students' roles in family and school community. This is explored through the five strands of the social studies standards; history, geography, economics, citizenship and culture.

- Develop an understanding of the beliefs, customs and traditions of a family
- Examine how folktales, biographies, oral histories, & legends relate family histories
- Develop understanding, respect and appreciation for the diverse cultures in American society
- Locate places on maps using map skills and identify the relationships between people and their physical environments
- Identify Hempstead on the map of the United States
- Explain how geography and environment effect the Hempstead community
- Explore the history of Hempstead
- Develop an understanding of meeting the challenge of wants and needs
- Examine the rights and responsibilities of citizens in a democracy including voting, jury duty, service in the armed forces, community service, etc.

For a further look at the standards go to: [www.nysed.gov](http://www.nysed.gov)