Feb. Gr. 1 Star Student

Content Area: **Social Studies**
Course(s):
Time Period: **February**
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Unit Overview

Studetns will be highlighted and honored through Star Student projects to encourage self-esteem and relationship building in the classroom.

Enduring Understandings

Every person is unique and should be celebrated.

Essential Questions

What are qualities and individual preferences that make you special and unique?

Instructional Strategies & Learning Activities

Students will learn about each other's lives through the Star Student presentations. They will learn to care about others and ask questions about their lives.

Posters filled with star qualities such as birthday, favorite food, hobbies, and family information.

Integration of Career Readiness, Life Literacies and Key Skills

Students will establish and follow rules, routines, and responsibilities throughout the year.

	Gathering and evaluating knowledge and information from a variety of sources, including global perspectives, fosters creativity and innovative thinking.
	Different types of jobs require different knowledge and skills.
9.4.2.CI.1	Demonstrate openness to new ideas and perspectives (e.g., 1.1.2.CR1a, 2.1.2.EH.1, 6.1.2.CivicsCM.2).
ID.K-2.1	I know and like who I am and can talk about my family and myself and name some of my group identities.

9.1.2.CAP.1	Make a list of different types of jobs and describe the skills associated with each job.
9.4.2.CI.2	Demonstrate originality and inventiveness in work (e.g., 1.3A.2CR1a).
ID.K-2.2	I can talk about interesting and healthy ways that some people who share my group identities live their lives.
	Critical thinkers must first identify a problem then develop a plan to address it to effectively solve the problem.
ID.K-2.3	I know that all my group identities are part of me—but that I am always ALL me.
9.4.2.CT.2	Identify possible approaches and resources to execute a plan (e.g., 1.2.2.CR1b, 8.2.2.ED.3).
9.4.2.CT.3	Use a variety of types of thinking to solve problems (e.g., inductive, deductive).
ID.K-2.4	I can feel good about myself without being mean or making other people feel bad.
ID.K-2.5	I see that the way my family and I do things is both the same as and different from how other people do things, and I am interested in both.
DI.K-2.7	I can describe some ways that I am similar to and different from people who share my identities and those who have other identities.
DI.K-2.8	I want to know about other people and how our lives and experiences are the same and different.
DI.K-2.10	I find it interesting that groups of people believe different things and live their daily lives in different ways.
	Individuals from different cultures may have different points of view and experiences.
JU.K-2.11	I know my friends have many identities, but they are always still just themselves.
9.4.2.GCA.1	Articulate the role of culture in everyday life by describing one's own culture and comparing it to the cultures of other individuals (e.g., 1.5.2.C2a, 7.1.NL.IPERS.5, 7.1.NL.IPERS.6).

Technology and Design Integration

Students will interact with the Smartboard throughout the unit with student photographs.

8.1.2.CS.1	Select and operate computing devices that perform a variety of tasks accurately and quickly based on user needs and preferences.

Interdisciplinary Connections

Students will establish rules of speaking in front of a group. Students will listen to others with care and ask questions related to their star student board. Students will write a complimentary letter to their classmates.

LA.RL.1.1	Ask and answer questions about key details in a text.
LA.W.1.1	Write opinion pieces in which they introduce the topic or name the book they are writing about, state an opinion, supply a reason for the opinion, and provide some sense of closure.
LA.SL.1.1	Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about grade 1 topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups.
LA.SL.1.1.A	Follow agreed-upon norms for discussions (e.g., listening to others with care, speaking one at a time about the topics and texts under discussion).
LA.SL.1.1.B	Build on others' talk in conversations by responding to the comments of others through

	multiple exchanges.
LA.SL.1.1.C	Ask questions to clear up any confusion about the topics and texts under discussion.

Differentiation

- Understand that gifted students, just like all students, come to school to learn and be challenged.
- Pre-assess your students. Find out their areas of strength as well as those areas you may need to address before students move on.
- Consider grouping gifted students together for at least part of the school day.
- Plan for differentiation. Consider pre-assessments, extension activities, and compacting the curriculum.
- Use phrases like "You've shown you don't need more practice" or "You need more practice" instead of words like "qualify" or "eligible" when referring to extension work.
- Encourage high-ability students to take on challenges. Because they're often used to getting good grades, gifted students may be risk averse.

- **Definitions of Differentiation Components**:

    - Content – the specific information that is to be taught in the lesson/unit/course of instruction.
    - Process – how the student will acquire the content information.
    - Product – how the student will demonstrate understanding of the content.
    - Learning Environment – the environment where learning is taking place including physical location and/or student grouping

Differentiation occurring in this unit:

Students will receive individual support or challenges as needed with the curriculum materials.

Modifications & Accommodations

Refer to QSAC EXCEL SMALL SPED ACCOMMOCATIONS spreadsheet in this discipline.

Modifications and Accommodations used in this unit:

IEP and 504 Accommodations will be utilized.

Benchmark Assessments

Benchmark Assessments are given periodically (e.g., at the end of every quarter or as frequently as once per month) throughout a school year to establish baseline achievement data and measure progress toward a standard or set of academic standards and goals.

Schoolwide Benchmark assessments:

Aimsweb benchmarks 3X a year

Linkit Benchmarks 3X a year

DRA

Additional Benchmarks used in this unit:

Star Student project and student participation

Formative Assessments

Assessment allows both instructor and student to monitor progress towards achieving learning objectives, and can be approached in a variety of ways. **Formative assessment** refers to tools that identify misconceptions, struggles, and learning gaps along the way and assess how to close those gaps. It includes effective tools for helping to shape learning, and can even bolster students' abilities to take ownership of their learning when they understand that the goal is to improve learning, not apply final marks (Trumbull and Lash, 2013). It can include students assessing themselves, peers, or even the instructor, through writing, quizzes, conversation, and more. In short, formative assessment occurs throughout a class or course, and seeks to improve student achievement of learning objectives through approaches that can support specific student needs (Theal and Franklin, 2010, p. 151).

Formative Assessments used in this unit:

Discussion

Writing

Drawing

Summative Assessments

Summative assessments evaluate student learning, knowledge, proficiency, or success at the conclusion of an instructional period, like a unit, course, or program. Summative assessments are almost always formally graded and often heavily weighted (though they do not need to be). Summative assessment can be used to great effect in conjunction and alignment with formative assessment, and instructors can consider a variety of

ways to combine these approaches.

Summative assessments for this unit:

Writing

Projects

Instructional Materials

A variety of texts and books for read aloud and individual reading

Art supplies as needed.

Standards

6.1.2.CivicsPD.1	Engage in discussions effectively by asking questions, considering facts, listening to the ideas of others, and sharing opinions.
6.1.2.CivicsCM.3	Explain how diversity, tolerance, fairness, and respect for others can contribute to individuals feeling accepted.