

## **Kindergarten**

### **SYMBOLS OF AMERICA**

In Kindergarten, the students begin to understand the foundations of the social studies strands: history, geography, government, and economics. Students begin their introduction to United States history through the study of important American holidays and symbols. Basic concepts of cultural and physical geography are presented. Civics provides students with an introduction into the character traits of good citizens. Basic economic concepts are also introduced.

#### **Historical Understanding**

**SSK.1B** The student will identify the purpose of national holidays and describe the people or events celebrated.

- Labor Day
- Columbus Day (Christopher Columbus)
- Veterans Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Presidents Day (George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and the current President)
- Memorial Day
- Flag Day
- Independence Day

**SSK.1C** The student will identify important American symbols and explain their meaning.

- The national and state flags (United States and Georgia flags)
- The bald eagle
- The Statue of Liberty
- Lincoln Memorial
- Washington Monument
- White House
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Star Spangled Banner

**SSK.1D** The student will correctly use words and phrases related to chronology and time to explain how things change.

- Now, long ago
- Before, after
- Morning, afternoon, night
- Today, tomorrow, yesterday
- First, last, next
- Day, week, month, year
- Past, present, future