

## K/1<sup>st</sup> Grade Social Studies & World Geography

**Teacher: Mrs. Kristin Kile**

Mondays: 1:30-2:30; Tuesdays 1:30-2:30

Trimester Class, 24 weeks

Required Textbooks: Abeka's 1st Grade Social Studies book and Map Skills Book:

- My America and My World (5<sup>th</sup> Edition)
- Map Skills for Today: Grade 1: Finding Your Way

Available on CBDbooks.com for about \$21 total

Yearly Cost of Class: \$120                  Supply Fee: \$10

**Course Description:** I look forward to helping your child learn many aspects of Social Studies and Geography throughout the year. We will explore and develop an appreciation and understanding of our country's history from a Christian perspective beginning with All about America to learning about individual countries across the globe. The students will have fun learning about the cultures and people of other countries through history, geography, missionary stories, short exploratory videos, and group activities. Learning about this subject at an early age is an important way to get and stay connected to the world around us.

**Homework:** Reading is not a prerequisite for this class. If your child is an independent reader, they can optionally complete more independently. If your child is not a reader just yet, plan on giving them some of your time to complete their assignment each week. Homework will be a part of this course to make the learning process a team effort and will be in line with what would be expected of students this age. In my experience as a homeschool mom, I found this helpful in the long-haul. You may absolutely help them with as much help as is needed on each assignment. The text we will use is 1st grade reading material, so if you have a beginning reader, you can help as much as is needed. We will adapt as necessary in class.

**Teacher Background:** I am very excited to be teaching your child Social Studies and Geography this coming year! Having grown up in a military family, I traveled often and lived many places across the U.S. and outside of our country and am eager to share how amazing our world is and what a rich history we have in the United States of America! I have been married to my husband John, for 23 years and we have two daughters who attend Wisdom Builders. Kendra is a Senior and Josie is an 8<sup>th</sup> grader. I have loved homeschooling both daughters from the beginning of their education, and we started at Wisdom Builders in 2010. I graduated from Taylor University with a Bachelors in Elementary Education and taught 2<sup>nd</sup> grade in the Carmel Clay schools for eight years prior to becoming a mom. Living on a hobby farm in Cicero, we spend a lot of time with our animals- horses, chickens, rabbits, a funny cat and an adorable dog. I love to travel, decorate, create, sew and explore the world through my photography business.



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