

Minutes- Elementary CAC Social Studies

Thursday, March 5th, DGE, 2:45-3:30

Present: Ken Goltera, Nina Schold, Melody Patula

The discussion focused on the necessity of integrating Social Studies into the curriculum, both for effectiveness of time and resources, as well as to better suit the Common Core frameworks. We would love to open this arena for teachers to share ideas on how they are achieving this; therefore that will be the focus at our next meeting, **Thursday, April 9th at 2:45 at DGE.**

We discussed the need for finding creative ways of utilizing technology for teaching Social Studies. Nina shared how her use of Google Maps motivates her first-graders when learning about maps and neighborhood communities. She integrates this into one of her HM stories, Me on the Map.

Another example discussed was how well Social Studies can be integrated with Performing Arts and Music. There are excellent materials available on-line providing standards-based plays and music all ready for the teacher to utilize.

We would like to invite all interested teachers to our next meeting to share ideas!