Preschool Milestones
Social Studies

1. People, Past and Present
A. Identifies similarities and differences in personal and family characteristics
   1. Talks about similarities and differences among people
   2. Enjoys poems, songs and stories about a variety of people
   3. Knows 2-3 words of a foreign language
   4. Talks about ways her own family is alike and different from other families

2. Human Interdependence
A. Begins to understand family and community needs, roles and relationships
   1. Identifies own family members
   2. Describes family routines and activities
   3. Draws self and family members
   4. States first and last name of parents
   5. States home address and phone number
   6. Talks about the neighborhood, city or area where s/he lives
   7. Positively describes pictures with various family compositions: single parent, mother and father, two mothers, grandparents, etc

   B. Describes some people’s jobs and what is required to perform them
      1. Role plays community helpers
      2. Matches job props to the correct worker

   C. Begins to be aware of technology and how it affects life
      1. Uses tape/CD player
      2. Uses the listening center
      3. Uses the computer
      4. Suggests using the computer to research an idea

3. Citizenship and Government
A. Demonstrates awareness of rules
   1. Verbalizes classroom rules
   2. Participates in games with rules
   3. Helps develop classroom rules
   4. Reminds classmates of rules
   5. Explains the importance of a rule
B. Shows understanding of what it means to be a leader
   1. Shows leadership qualities (in dramatic play situations, project development)
   2. Takes initiative to do classroom chores
   3. Asks questions about who is in charge
   4. Expresses the desire to be the leader

4. People and Where They Live
A. Describes the location of things in the environment and expresses beginning geographic thinking
   1. Follows a simple treasure map to find hidden objects
   2. Helps create a map of their room or school
   3. Shows interest in maps and globes
   4. Identifies water and land on a globe
   5. Finds the United States on a globe

B. Shows awareness of the environment
   1. Notices new displays or materials in the classroom
   2. Shows interest in putting paper and cans in recycle bins
   3. Encourages others to keep the room/playground clean
   4. Shows interest in the natural environment