

## Blue Room Social Studies and Science Themes

In social studies, we focus on geography (the fifty states, capitals, and abbreviations); our government/constitution and the election process; the War of 1812; Westward Expansion (Louisiana Purchase, Lewis & Clark, and pioneers); the late 1700s and early 1800s Industrial Revolution; slavery and the Trail of Tears; the Civil War; and various cultural studies (if time permits).

In science, we use scientific investigation in labs and the Science Expo. We also study cells, the human body, and life skills - taught once weekly by the middle school science teacher during the second trimester. Finally, we will study the building blocks of matter (basic chemistry) and various forms of energy, such as force and motion, electricity, magnetism, sound, and light.

Themes are flexible, and pacing may change to meet the needs of the students.

### August

- Force, Motion, & Energy Transfer
- Geography

### September

- Force, Motion, & Energy Transfer/Building Blocks of Matter
- 50 States & Capitals

### October

- Building Blocks of Matter
- 50 States & Capitals/US Constitution & Election Process

### November

- Cells/Life Skills
- US Constitution & Election Process/War of 1812/Louisiana Purchase/Lewis & Clark

### December

- Human Body/Life Skills/Scientific Investigation
- Pioneers/Westward Expansion

### January

- Human Body/Life Skills/Scientific Investigation
- Westward Expansion/Industrial Revolution

### February

- Human Body/Life Skills/Scientific Investigation
- Trail of Tears/Slavery/Select African Cultures

### March

- Electricity & Magnetism
- Slavery/Civil War

### April

- Electricity & Magnetism/Sound & Light
- Civil War

### May

- Sound & Light
- Civil War/Cultural studies (if time permits)