

## **Social Studies**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

#### The Local Community and Regional Communities

In Grade 3, students study continuity and change in their local community and in communities in other states and regions. They also learn how people have created and shaped their communities over time; the roles of citizens and functions of government in the community, state and nation; and how people in communities interact with their environment, develop and use technology, and use human and natural resources.

The Indiana's K – 8 academic standards for social studies are organized around four content areas. The content area standards and the types of learning experiences they provide to students in Grade 3 are described below. On the pages that follow, age-appropriate concepts are listed for each standard. Skills for thinking, inquiry and participation in a democratic society, including the examination of Individuals, Society and Culture, are integrated throughout. Specific terms are defined and examples are provided when necessary.