

Dear Parents,

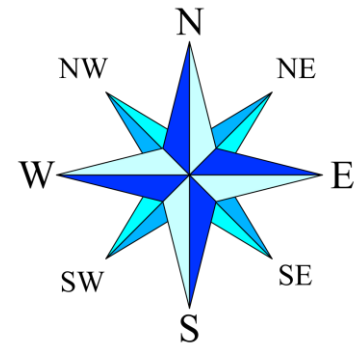
Our unit of study in Social Studies is understanding how to use maps. We will learn how to identify the cardinal and intermediate directions. We will also learn how to use a compass rose, map key, and letter/number grids. This informational letter will help you understand what your child is learning so the content may be discussed at home throughout our study. Listed below is the Social Studies Map Skill Goal for our unit. Also included is important vocabulary and examples of what we are learning about. Happy Learning!

Second Grade Social Studies Teachers

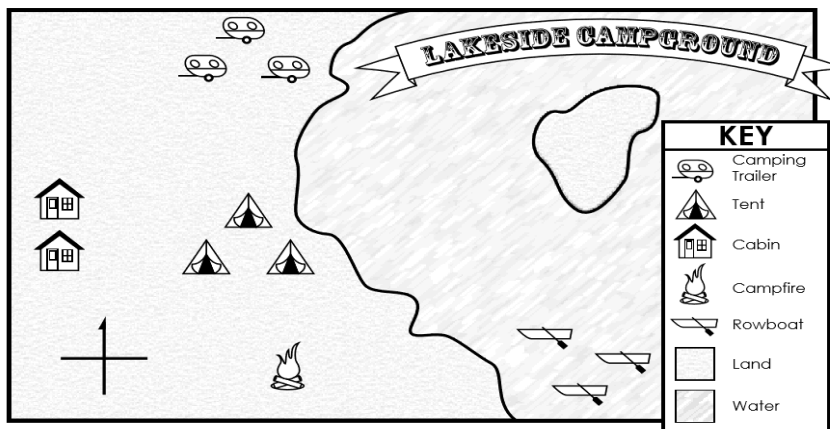
Social Studies Map Skills Goal:

The student will use maps to retrieve social studies information.

1. **Maps** are tools that help you find places. They are like pictures of a place.
2. The **compass rose** shows the directions on the map.
3. **Symbols** are pictures that stand for the real thing on a map.
4. The **map key** tells you what the symbols stand for on a map.
5. The **cardinal directions** are north, south, east, and west.
6. The **intermediate directions** are northeast, northwest, southeast, and southwest.



- Identify where each direction is on the compass rose
7. Read the Lakeside Campground Map:
 - Using the map key, identify each symbol on the map.
 - The tents are east of the cabins. The campfire is south of the tents.
 - Locate where each direction is on the map using the compass rose above.



8. Read the map key and grid:

The airport is at C, 5.

The school is at A, 1.

The lake is at D, 4.

The post office is at B, 1.

	A	B	C	D	E
1					
2					
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