

Dear Parents,

Our unit of study in Social Studies is learning about the founding of Georgia. We will discuss the roles James Oglethorpe, Chief Tomochichi, and Mary Musgrove played in the beginning of the new colony, Georgia. 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 Georgia Standards of Excellence 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 Standard:

SS2H1 Describe the lives and contributions of historical figures in Georgia history - James Oglethorpe, Tomochichi, and Mary Musgrove

SS2CG3 Give examples of how the historical figures demonstrated positive citizenship traits such as: honesty, dependability, trustworthiness, honor, civility, or compassion.

- Compassion means caring for other people.
- James Oglethorpe showed compassion when he wanted to help the people who had a debt find a new place to live in the New World.
- A debt is the money a person owes.
- The king of England had people who could not pay their debt put in prison.
- Oglethorpe asked the king to let him take some debtors and settlers to start a new colony in the New World so they could have work and a place to live.
- A colony is new land that is still owned and ruled by another country.
- Oglethorpe named the new colony Georgia after King George II.
- The first city settled in Georgia was called Savannah.
- Chief Tomochichi owned the land that Oglethorpe wanted for his new city in Georgia.
- Chief Tomochichi was the leader of the Creek tribe.
- Tomochichi showed honesty and trustworthiness when he kept his promise to give the land to James Oglethorpe for the new city. He also helped make peace treaties so Indians and settlers worked together and lived in peace.
- Oglethorpe and Tomochichi spoke different languages. Oglethorpe spoke English, and Tomochichi spoke Creek.
- Mary Musgrove helped Oglethorpe and Tomochichi communicate with each other since she spoke both languages.
- Mary Musgrove spoke 2 languages - English and Creek. Her father was an English trader and her mother was a Creek Indian.
- Mary Musgrove and her husband ran a trading post where the Creek Indians and English settlers could trade.
- Civility means treating others with respect and kindness.
- Oglethorpe and Tomochichi showed civility as they kept their word about being peaceful with each other and being kind towards each other.
- Dependability means a person can be trusted to do what he or she promised to do.
- Mary Musgrove was dependable, for the Creek and English knew they could trust her when she helped them speak with each other.
- Tomochichi went back to England with Oglethorpe to meet King George II and other English leaders. They developed a lasting friendship.

