

World Neighbors Program Description

“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the law?” Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest commandment. And the second is like it: love your neighbor as yourself.”

Matthew 22: 36-39

The World Neighbors program is a series of age appropriate mini-lessons and activities which emphasize how each individual is part of the larger global community. In an age where information, commerce, and politics have increasingly become worldwide, it is important for each person to understand how they are connected to each other. The program will do this through a variety of different learning emphasis units, including:

- **Linguistics/ Word Origins:**

By learning about the Greek and Latin roots of many of our words each child will be able to group together words containing similar root meanings, as well as be able to better understand the meanings of unfamiliar words by identifying which roots they contain.

- **Foreign Languages:**

By learning basic words in several different languages each child will begin the process toward better communication and understanding of all people. Also, by comparing words in many different languages with their Latin roots each child will better understand how similar words developed from the root into each language. Children will also learn some of the many words that English has taken directly from other languages and incorporated into our own.

- **Geography/ World Cultures:**

By learning where other countries are located, and what some of the cultural traditions, foods, and festivals are like each child will better understand the amazing diversity that the human population represents. Each child will also learn some of the origins of American traditions and which countries they originated from.

- **Nutrition/ Health/ Human anatomy:**

By learning age appropriate lessons in health and human anatomy each child will gain a better understanding of not only how their own body functions, but also that of every other human being. Such topics as: What is a germ and why should we wash our hands? What kinds of foods have vitamins in them? How do we taste our food? What are bones made of? How does food give us energy? All these examples, and many more lessons.

- **Global commerce/ Ecology:**

Where did your shirt come from? How about your shoes? By learning where each country is that manufactures things we use every day each child will gain a better understanding of global commerce. Each child will also gain a sense of their personal responsibility to be a good steward of the earth God has given us, and learn creative ways of incorporating the three R's: recycle, reduce, reuse.