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Creating student success, one map at a time

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Exploring and Mapping my Community

“Grade 2 students explore life in Canada, beginning with a study of their own community and moving outward to other communities. They become aware of their Canadian heritage as they discover stories of their local community, past and present. They explore ways in which people interact with the natural environment and come to understand the nature of communities.” Source: Manitoba Education Social Studies Curriculum, Grade 2



Why use mapping to study “my community”?

Through the study of their community students:

- Can create a map that can highlight a variety of items, as appropriate, such as important local landmarks, their route to school, their school yard and how it is used (ie. Ply structure, baseball diamond, nature walk)
- Can compare their community then and now, explaining how and why it has changed. Sample map tour: [Transcona Heritage Sites](#)
- Can use information collected in the inquiry and presented on the map to make decisions about how to care for their community, both the people that live there and the environment.

Possible Inquiry Questions:

Our Classroom Community: Can we re-design our classroom so that it is better for learning?

Our School Community: Can we design ways to make our school and schoolyard safer for everyone?

Our Local Community: What could we plan/design and then share with our municipal government that would help our community better meet the needs of young people?

Resources:

Manitoba Education:

Grade 2 Social Studies, Communities in Canada, A Foundation for Implementation

http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/cur/socstud/foundation_gr2/

Grade 2 Social Studies Blackline Masters

http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/cur/socstud/foundation_gr2/blms/index.html

Education sites outside of Manitoba

Calgary Education, Social Studies Resources, Communities in Canada

<http://libguides.ucalgary.ca/c.php?g=255383&p=1705311>

A Kid's Guide to Building Better Communities

<https://www.cip-icu.ca/Files/Resources/kidsguide.aspx>

What is a community?

<https://www.eupschools.org/page/1340>



Best regards!

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