

Today's Families – Grade 2-3 Social Studies Resource

Curriculum Map

Build understanding, empathy, and community—one family story at a time.

The word “family,” in the dictionary, is described as a group of people consisting of parents and their children living in the same home. The traditional family has changed over the years. Today, different types of families are accepted and more prevalent. This resource is filled with ideas and worksheets that will stimulate the topic of family life today. The following skills will be strengthened and reinforced: listening skills, oral communication, written communication, creative expression, vocabulary recognition, phonetic sounds, and mathematical concepts.  

Students will:

- gain an understanding of the different family structures and the diversity and cultural
- differences found within families.
- develop respect for others who come from different backgrounds than themselves.
- accept and celebrate differences in their classroom society as well as large societies.
- understand the roles and responsibilities of various family members.
- learn how family traditions and activities work together to build a strong cultural and family identity that strengthens family relationships.
- be able to recognize that strong families working together from within, help to create strong communities.

Introduction:

- At a Glance – List of Skills
- Common Core Standards Meet
- Teacher Assessment Rubric
- Student Self-Assessment Rubric
- **Teacher Notes:**
 - Goals and Objectives of “Today’s Families”
- General Teacher Input Suggestions & List of Vocabulary
- **Intro Activities**
 - Family Riddles
 - Family Classifying
 - Answer Key

Family Booklets

1. My Family - Teacher Notes and Lessons

There is a lesson plan for each of the pages in the booklet. The pages in this booklet could be reproduced in its entirety, and collated or certain pages could be selected, worked on, stored in folders and collated when the theme is finished. Other pages found in this resource may be added to the booklet

List of My Family Vocabulary

My Family (Reproducible Student Booklet)

2. My Family Photo Album – Teacher Notes

Family Photo Album (Open-ended Reproducible Booklet)

Family Vocabulary Worksheets

- Teacher Notes and Answer Key

Worksheet Skills:

1. Rhyming Words
2. Compound Words
3. Word Meanings
4. Word Search
5. Syllabication
6. Antonym Matching Game
7. Alphabetical Order/Classifying

8. Classifying Animal Words into Categories
9. Plural Nouns
10. Spelling
11. Singular Nouns

Family Sound Worksheets

- Teacher Notes and Answer Key

Worksheet Skills:

1. Recognition of the “Ch” Digraph
2. Recognition of the “Br” Blend
3. Recognition of the Short Vowel “a” Sound
4. Recognition of the Long Vowel “a” Sound
5. Recognition of the “Gr” Blend
6. Review of the “Br” and the “Gr” Blend

Creative Writing Activities and Worksheets

- Teacher Notes: Family Creative Writing

Skill: Write a narrative and Use illustrations to describe key ideas.

1. Being Happy
2. Love
3. Being Angry
4. Sadness

Skill: Write an informative text

5. Winter Fun
6. Summer Fun
7. Autumn Fun
8. Spring Fun
9. Teamwork

Skill: Writing an Acrostic Poem

10. What is a Mother?

Skill: Writing a Narrative

11. Choosing a Main Idea and Writing a Story

Skill: Write an informative text

12. An Exciting Family Event or Tradition
13. My Autobiography
14. My Autobiography - Reproducible Blank

Skill: Use text and illustrations to describe key ideas

15. Gift Voucher
16. Greatest Family Member Award

Family Research Activities

- Teacher Notes: Family Research
- Skill: Research a topic and Gather information from different sources

Worksheet Topics:

1. How Many People?
2. Popular Type of Home
3. Eye Color
4. Hair Color
5. Male or Female

Family Mathematics Worksheets

- Teacher Notes and Answer Key

Worksheet Skills:

1. My Measurements
2. What is your name worth?
3. Sequence Counting
4. Addition Families
5. Solving Math Problems

Reading and Listening Activities using the Berenstain Bears Stories

- Teacher Notes: Reading/Listening Activities
- Answer Key

Each story has a one-page worksheet with three parts:

- Part A Comprehension
- Part B Thinking About
- Part C Word Study

Book Titles:

The Berenstain Bears and the Truth

- Skills: Describe character reactions. Read and comprehend grade-level stories

The Berenstain Bears and Mama's New Job

- Skills: Answer questions about key details. Identify the lesson of the story.

The Berenstain Bears Go to the Doctor

- Skills: Describe character reactions. Read and comprehend grade-level stories

The Berenstain Bears Count their Blessings

- Skills: Answer questions about key details. Identify the lesson of the story.

The Berenstain Bears and Too Much TV

- Skills: Describe character reactions. Read and comprehend grade-level stories.
Answer questions about key details. Identify the lesson of the story.

The Berenstain Bears and the Sitter

- Skills: Describe character reactions. Read and comprehend grade-level stories.

The Berenstain Bears' New Baby

- Skills: Answer questions about key details. Identify the lesson of the story.

The Berenstain Bears' Trouble With Money

- Skills: Describe character reactions. Read and comprehend grade-level stories.

The Berenstain Bears' Moving Day

- Skills: Answer questions about key details. Identify the lesson of the story.

The Berenstain Bears' Trouble With Pets

- Skills: Describe character reactions. Read and comprehend grade-level stories.

The Berenstain Bears Visit the Dentist

- Skills: Answer questions about key details. Identify the lesson of the story.

The Berenstain Bears Forget Their Manners

- Skills: Describe character reactions. Read and comprehend grade-level stories.

The Berenstain Bears and Too Much Junk Food

- Skills: Answer questions about key details. Identify the lesson of the story

The Berenstain Bears - No Girls Allowed

- Skills: Describe character reactions. Read and comprehend grade-level stories.

The Berenstain Bears Go to Camp

- Skills: Answer questions about key details. Identify the lesson of the story.

The Berenstain Bears Learn About Strangers

- Skills: Describe character reactions. Read and comprehend grade-level stories.

The Berenstain Bears and the Messy Room

- Skills: Answer questions about key details. Identify the lesson of the story.

The Berenstain Bears and the Week at Grandma's

- Skills: Describe character reactions. Read and comprehend grade-level stories.

The Berenstain Bears and the Bully

- Skills: Answer questions about key details. Identify the lesson of the story.

The Berenstain Bears Get Stage Fright

- Skills: Describe character reactions. Read and comprehend grade-level stories.

The Berenstain Bears Get the Gimmies

- Skills: Answer questions about key details. Identify the lesson of the story.

The Berenstain Bears' Trouble at School

- Skills: Describe character reactions. Read and comprehend grade-level stories.

The Berenstain Bears and Too Much Vacation

- Skills: Answer questions about key details. Identify the lesson of the story.

The Berenstain Bears Don't Pollute

- Skills: Describe character reactions Read and comprehend grade-level stories.

The Berenstain Bears and the Mama's Day Surprise

- Skills: Answer questions about key details. Identify the lesson of the story.

Family Research



How Many People?

Each family has a different number of members living in the same home.

Survey your classmates to find out how many different family members live in each home.

Complete the chart below.

Survey Chart

Family Members	Check Marks	Total
a) Two		
b) Three		
c) Four		
d) Five		
e) Six		
f) Seven		
g) Eight		
h) Nine		
i) Ten		
j) More Than Ten		

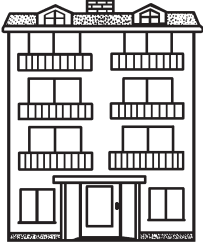
The most common number of people in a family in my class is _____.



Family Research

Popular Type of Home

Apartment



Semi-detached



Two-Storey



Bungalow



A family lives in a place they call home. Homes can be all shapes and sizes and are found in different places.

Survey your classmates to find out the types of homes in which they live.

Type of Home	Check Marks	Total
1. bungalow		
2. apartment		
3. townhouse		
4. semi-detached house		
5. trailer		
6. condominium		
7. shelter		
8. tent		
9. two-storey		
10. row house		

Most of my classmates live in a _____.



Family Research



Eye Color

Members of a family often have different colored eyes.

Survey your classmates to see what color eyes each member of their family has.

Record your findings on the survey chart using checkmarks. Record the total.

Eye Color	Number of People	Total
Blue		
Brown		
Green		
Grey		

The most common eye color in the families of my classmates is _____.

Family Research

Hair Color



Members of a family often have different colored hair.

Survey your classmates to see what color hair each member of their family has.

Record your findings on the survey chart using check marks. Record the total.

Hair Color	Number of People	Total
Blonde		
Brown		
Grey		
White		
Red		
Auburn		
Black		

The most common hair color in my classmates' families is _____.



Family Research

Male or Female



In a family there are usually male and female members.

Survey your classmates to find out how many family members are female and how many are male.

Put checkmarks in each box.

Count the check marks and record the numbers on the chart.

Family Members	Check Marks	Total
Females		
Males		

In my class there are _____ female members in all the families.

In my class there are _____ male members in all the families.

In my class there are more _____ members than _____ members.

