

# Kindergarten Neighborhood, School and Community Resources

New York State Learning Standards for Social Studies

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/socst/>

## My neighborhood

My neighborhood can be located on a map. Different people live in my neighborhood.

## Location of home, school, neighborhood, and community on maps and globes

Land and water masses can be located on maps and a globe. The United States can be located on a map and a globe.

## My school and school community

What is a school?

## Books:

*School in Many Cultures* by Heather Adamson (2008)

All over the world, students go to school. How are these schools the same as yours? How are they different?



Guided Reading: I

24 Pages

*Homes in Many Cultures* by Heather Adamson (2008)

Step inside homes all over the world. What makes them the same as yours? What makes them different?

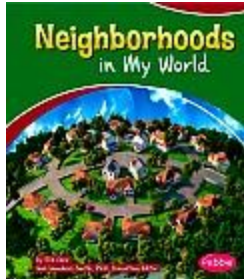


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*Neighborhoods in My World* by Ella Cane (2014)

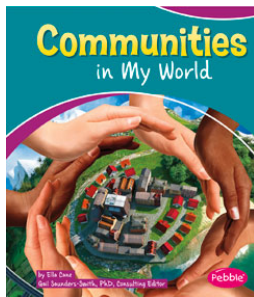
Includes bibliographical references (page 23) and index. What is a neighborhood? -- My neighborhood -- Places in my neighborhood -- Other neighborhoods. Simple text and photographs introduce basic community concepts related to neighborhoods including location, things in a neighborhood, and different types of neighborhoods.



Guided Reading: H  
24 Pages

*Communities in My World* by Ella Cane (2014)

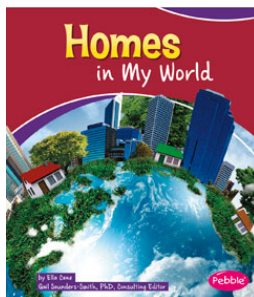
Includes bibliographical references (page 23) and index.; My community -- Urban communities -- Suburban communities. Simple text and photographs introduce different communities, such as rural, urban, and suburban communities.



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*Homes in My World* by Ella Cane (2014)

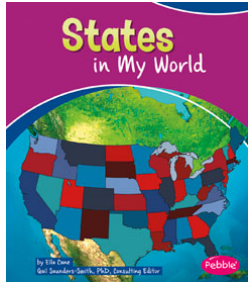
Includes bibliographical references (page 23) and index. Simple text and photographs introduce concepts related to homes, including city, suburban, and rural homes.



Guided Reading: I  
24 Pages

*States in My World* by Ella Cane (2014)

Includes bibliographical references (page 23) and index.;What is a state? -- People and government -- Landforms -- Biggest and smallest -- Glossary -- Read more -- Internet sites -- Index. Simple text and photographs introduce basic concepts related to the states of the United States, such as government, landforms, and size.



Guided Reading: J  
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*My Neighborhood: Places and Faces* by Lisa Bullard (2003)

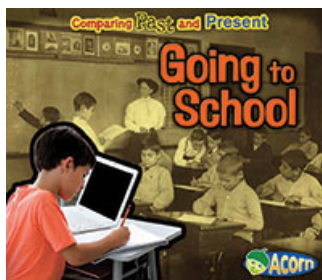
Includes bibliographical references (p. 24). Libbie gives a tour of her neighborhood to a boy just about her age whose family is moving in next door. Take a trip around Libbie's neighborhood as she shows off her favorite spots and the people who go with them. Then you can map out for yourself the places and faces in your neighborhood that you like best!



Guided Reading: J  
24 Pages

*Going to School: Past and Present* by Rebecca Rissman (2014)

Includes index. Examines how children went to school in the past and compares it to the way children go to school in the present day.



Guided Reading: H  
24 Pages

*The School* by Aaron Carr (2014)

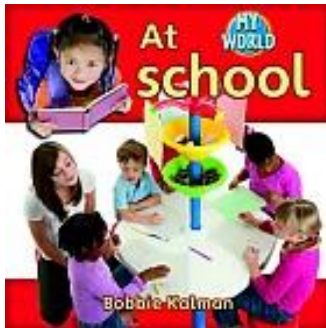
My neighborhood -- What is a school? -- Meet the teacher -- Teaching tools -- The classroom -- In the gym -- Putting on a show -- Coming to school -- In the neighborhood -- School quiz -- Key words. Simple text and photographs introduce young readers to a school, discussing what a school is, what tools are used, the classroom, and more.



Guided Reading: J  
24 Pages

*At School* by Bobbie Kalman (2011)

Photographs and easy-to-follow text introduce children to the fun things they can do in school.



Guided Reading: F  
16 Pages

*My School* by Gladys Rosa-Mendoza (2011)

Includes bibliographical references (p. 20) and index. Introduces words associated with school through the description of the people and things found in a school building.



Guided Reading: I  
24 Pages

*My School Community* by Bobbie Kalman (2010)

Includes index. My school is a community -- Our classroom -- Sharing with others -- Traveling to school -- A good education -- Jobs at school -- School rules -- Different cultures -- Fun at school -- Keeping healthy. Simple text and photographs explain how schools are similar to communities, describing classroom rules and activities, as well as the roles of teachers, librarians, and principals; and also offers tips to stay healthy at school.



Guided Reading: K  
24 Pages

*We Go to School* by Sharon Coan (2013)



Guided Reading: n/a  
24 Pages

*My First Day at a New School* by Charlotte Guillain (2011)

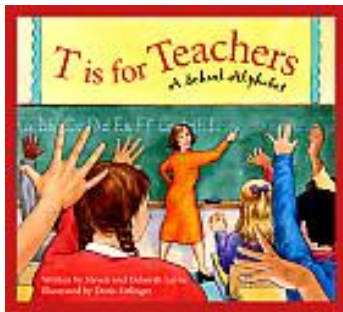
Includes bibliographical references (p. 24) and index. Simple text and photographs describe the first day at a new school and encourage readers to think critically about going to school.



Guided Reading: M  
24 Pages

*T is for Teachers: A School Alphabet* by Steven L. Layne (2005)

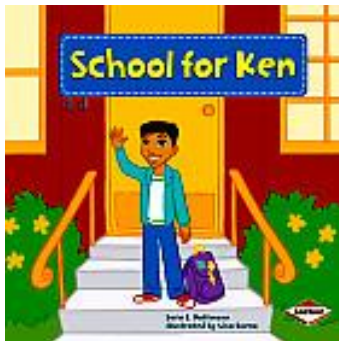
Includes bibliographical references. Presents an A to Z rhyming book that describes a number of topics relating to teachers including books, kindergarten, librarians, and principals.



Guided Reading: n/a  
34 Pages

*School For Ken* by Sara Hoffman (2014)

Ken is worried about going to school. What will it be like?



Guided Reading: F  
14 Pages

*People in My Neighborhood* by Shelly Lyons (2013)

Includes bibliographical references (p. 23) and index.;Who are your neighbors? -- Helping neighbors -- Neighbors who teach -- Neighbors who serve. Describes some of the people in a neighborhood who help, teach, or serve.



Guided Reading:  
24 Pages

*Places in My Neighborhood* by Shelly Lyons (2013)

Includes bibliographical references (p. 23) and index. Describes some of the places in a neighborhood that keep people safe, provide food or shelter, and help in finding things.



Guided Reading: I  
24 Pages

*Safety in My Neighborhood* by Shelly Lyons (2013)

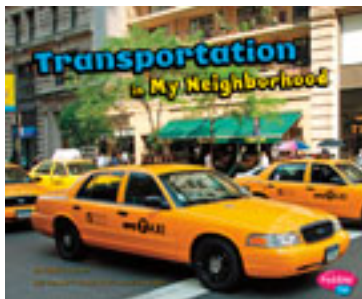
Includes bibliographical references (p. 23) and index. Being safe -- Pedaling smarts -- Numbers and rules -- On your own. Describes how to be safe in a neighborhood whether bicycling, playing, going to school, or using the phone.



Guided Reading: J  
24 Pages

*Transportation in My Neighborhood* by Shelly Lyons (2013)

Includes bibliographical references (p. 23) and index. Describes what transportation is and the different ways of moving from place to place in the neighborhood, whether walking, biking, on the road, or by train.



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24 Pages

## Digital Resources

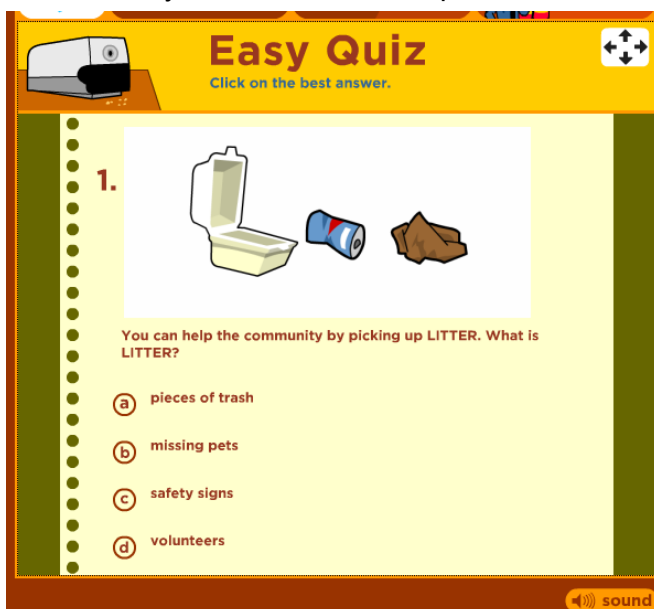
**Databases:** (To access these databases remotely, ask your librarian for your school's username and password.)

**Brainpop Jr.:** *Brainpop, Jr. is a database that provides a 3-6 minute video on informational topics followed by a comprehension quiz. The database includes activities and lesson plans as well. It is geared towards grades K-3.*

These videos align with New York State Social Studies Standards for Kindergarten.



Two different online quizzes are offered after each video to check for understanding. They are entitled "Easy" and "Hard" with 5 questions each.





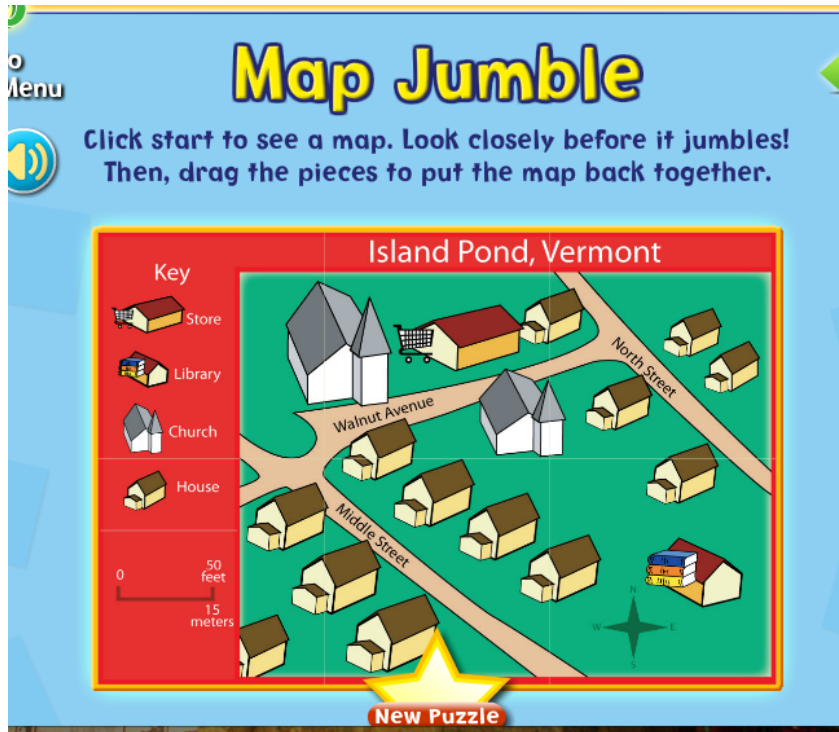
**Pebble Go!** *Pebble Go is a database that includes non-fiction books, videos and activities online. The target audience for Pebble Go is Kindergarten through 3rd grade, however Pebble Go can be a great way to pique interest in a topic for 4th and 5th graders. Each book is 5 pages long and includes a read-aloud button that highlights each word as it reads aloud. There are often one or two very short videos on the topic embedded within each book.*

Pebble Go's Social Studies Section has a collection of books on Maps which support the New York State Social Studies Standards on Places in my Community for Kindergarten. They include titles like the ones pictured below. You can access this section by Clicking on Social Studies and then "Maps"



The screenshot shows a digital interface for the 'Maps' section. At the top, there is a 'Back' button with a left-pointing arrow and a 'Maps' button with a right-pointing arrow. Between them is a small image of a tablet displaying a map. Below this navigation bar is a grid of 12 book covers, each with a title and a representative image:

- What Is a Map?**: A young boy looking at a globe.
- Map Symbols and Keys**: A map of the London Zoo with various symbols.
- Map Scales**: A topographic map with a scale bar and a key.
- Map Directions**: A hand holding a compass.
- Distribution Maps**: A map of the United States with colored regions.
- Globes**: A standard globe on a stand.
- Physical Maps**: A map of Europe showing terrain and elevation.
- Political Maps**: A map of Texas showing cities like Austin, Elgin, and Taylor.
- Road Maps**: A map showing a network of roads and highways.
- Topographic Maps**: A map showing contour lines and elevation.
- The World on Maps**: A world map showing continents and oceans.



Pebble Go offers a game called “Map Jumble” with 4 - 8 piece puzzles that are jumbled and reassembled:




Here is a sample book from the Maps section of Pebble Go:


Back →  →  → **What Is a Map?**

**A Useful Tool**    **History**    **Features**    **Symbols**    **Using Maps**

Maps are tools that help you find your way. They are like pictures of the world taken from above. Some maps show city streets and buildings. Other maps show mountains, rivers, and lakes.



Maps are like pictures taken from above. 

Pebble Go also includes a section called “In My World” which aligns with New York State Social Studies Standards for Kindergarten.

← Back →  → My World

 In My Home     In My Neighborhood     In My Town     In My State

 In My Country     In My Continent     In My World

Here’s a sample text from the “In My World” Section:

← Back →  →  → In My Neighborhood

My Neighborhood    Other Neighborhoods    Stores in My Neighborhood    Services in My Neighborhood    Safety in My Neighborhood

I live in a **neighborhood**.  
It's filled with places  
that meet our needs.  
My house is on a street  
that is lined with homes.  
I play with friends  
from my neighborhood.  
They are my **neighbors**.



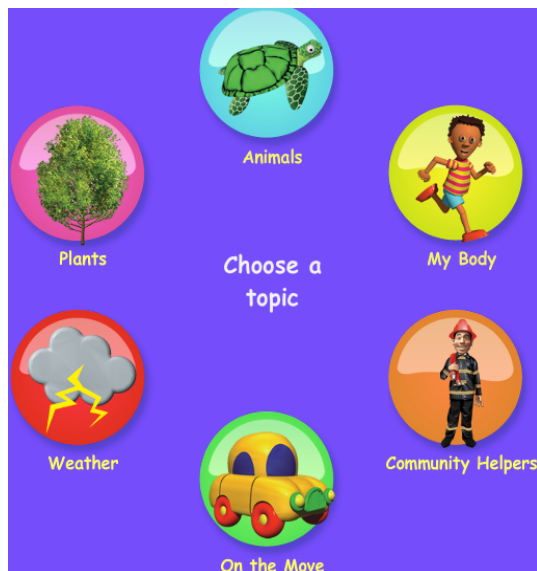


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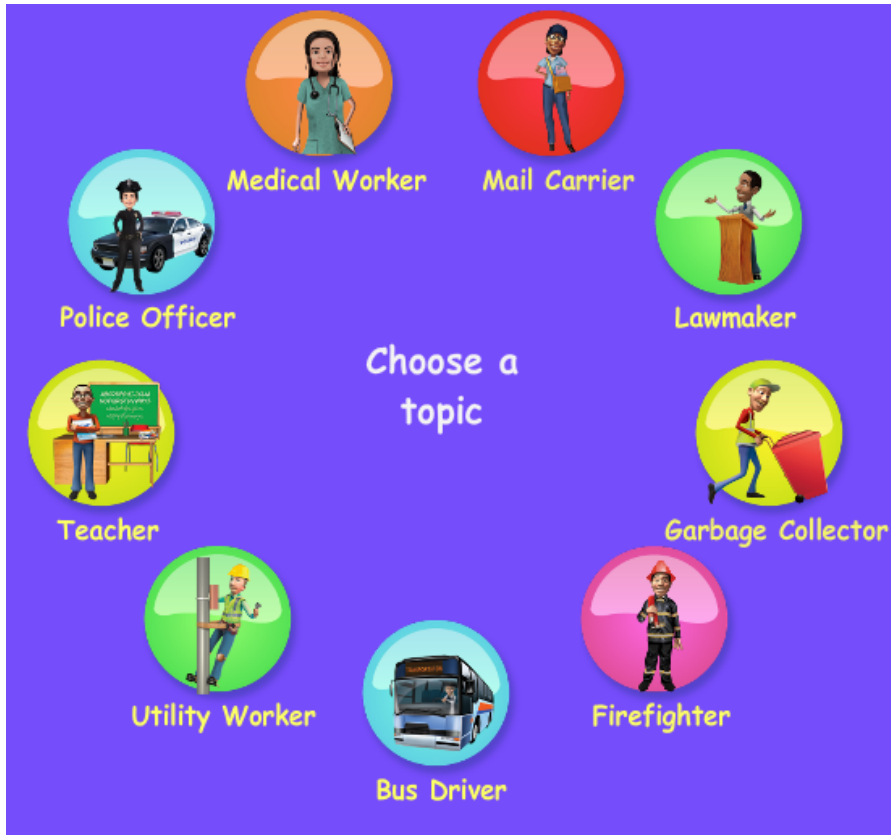
The World Book Web is a suite of online research tools that includes encyclopedia articles, primary source collections, educator tools, student activities, pictures, audio, and video, complemented by current periodicals and related Web sites. All Ithaca elementary school libraries currently subscribe to **World Book Kids**, **World Book Student**, **World Book Discover**, **World Book Timelines** and **World Book Classroom: Early World of Learning**. For specific training in how to use these amazing tools consult Worldbook's training website or ask your school's librarian. <http://www.worldbookonline.com/training/>

The best Kindergarten resources from the above list are in **World Book Classroom: Early World of Learning**. Early World of Learning includes a section on Community Helpers that aligns with Kindergarten's New York State Social Studies standards.

In Early World of Learning first Click on "Know It," then on "Community Helpers." Within Community Helpers there are a number of different options available to you. It is possible for you to create an account in Early World of Learning, set up a classroom, and use quizzes to check your students for understanding. There are built-in quizzes, and you can also design your own.



Students can choose from the following community helpers to learn more.



When you select a subject, there is a paragraph that is read aloud if you click on it. The question marks on the picture all include one fact that are read aloud if you click on them. There is a bonus fact in "It's a Fact!" There are also pictures and videos on the right to supplement the information on the left.

> Community Helpers > Garbage Collector

## Garbage Collector

Garbage collectors help keep the community clean. They pick up garbage from homes and businesses. Other workers also help keep the community clean. They pick up garbage from homes and businesses. Other workers also help keep the community clean.

A garbage truck takes trash to a dump or recycling center.

It's a Fact!

Pictures

Videos

**iPad apps:**

***I Get ... My Community Vocabulary - by I Get It, LLC***

**Cost: \$2.99**

This app offers picture text and audio that explains key vocabulary words about community people, places and objects.

***Exploring My World: Get Ready for School - by Teacher Created Materials***

**Cost: \$1.99**

Covers topics like five senses, animals, weather, and community.

***Exploring Words in My World: Get Ready for School - by Teacher Created Materials***

**Cost: \$1.99**

Helps children become more familiar with words they are likely to encounter daily. Includes community words as well.

***Globe for iPad - by Alan Smith***

**Cost: Free**

A 3D globe that can be manipulated by dragging your finger to rotate it. Avoid tapping on the countries as it will lead out of the app to a wikipedia article on that country.