Welcome to our journey across the United States and the world! Throughout this unit, we will be working on learning the states and their respective capitals as well as map skills. The map skills portion of the unit will include latitude and longitude, scale, and cardinal directions, among other skills.

Students will be working with maps of all scales; from neighborhood maps to maps that cross multiple continents. Learning the states and capitals, especially for fourth graders, is a big undertaking that requires a lot of practice. The students work diligently and use multiple methods to learn all of them.

Many different resources will be utilized throughout the unit and students will develop many real-world skills. While the focus of the unit is social studies, there are also elements that incorporate math and language arts skills. It truly encapsulates the curriculum for four to six weeks.

Students put a lot of work into this unit and get very involved in the process. As always, they are encouraged to be creative and extend their thinking beyond the classroom. It is very easy for students to see how this unit is useful and applicable in life outside of school, which is very motivating for them!

Join us on our journey of discovery and adventure; it’s going to be a great time!