

## TEACHER CRITICAL CONTENT NOTES

<b>BENCHMARK</b>
<b>SS.1.CG.2.5</b> <i>Recognize symbols and individuals that represent Florida.</i>
<b>BENCHMARK CLARIFICATIONS</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Students will recognize that the state motto (“In God We Trust”) and the state day (Pascua Florida Day) are symbols that represent Florida.</li> <li>■ Students will identify the current Florida governor and recognize the governor as an individual who represents the state.</li> </ul>

<b>WHERE STUDENTS HAVE BEEN</b>	
Kindergarten	<p>SS.K.CG.2.5 Recognize symbols that represent Florida.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Students will recognize Florida’s state flag and state nickname (“The Sunshine State”) as symbols that represent the state.</li> </ul>
<b>WHERE STUDENTS ARE GOING</b>	
2nd Grade	<p>SS.2.CG.2.5 Recognize symbols, individuals, and documents that represent Florida.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Students will recognize the Florida State Capitol and the Everglades National Park as symbols of Florida.</li> <li>● Students will recognize Andrew Jackson and Marjory Stoneman Douglas as individuals who represent Florida</li> <li>● Students will recognize the Florida Constitution as a document that represents Florida.</li> </ul>

<b>TIMING/PACING NOTES</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● This benchmark may be taught at any time during the school year.</li> <li>● Every benchmark clarification does not need to be taught at the same time. They may be broken up and taught over the course of the school year.</li> <li>● This benchmark may be taught with SS.1.CG.2.4, which introduces United States symbols. When teaching United States symbols, the teacher may help students understand that there are also symbols special to Florida.</li> <li>● Pascua Florida Day is April 2nd. It may be taught in a similar manner to the other holidays/observances in SS.1.CG.2.3.</li> </ul>

## UNDERSTANDING THE BENCHMARK

- Things to know:
  - ◆ The benchmark cognitive demand is a lower DOK with recognize and identify
  - ◆ Identify can mean: retell, match, name, recall, or list
  - ◆ Florida symbols are things that have special meaning to Florida
  - ◆ Symbols help students visualize important representations associated with Florida
  - ◆ A motto is a saying
- Main concepts to teach:
  - ◆ Florida is a state within the country of the United States. Florida is one of fifty states that make up the United States.
  - ◆ There are symbols for the United States and individual states
  - ◆ “In God We Trust” is Florida’s state motto
  - ◆ Pascua Florida Day
  - ◆ The role of the governor (similar to the U.S. President but at the state level)
  - ◆ Florida’s current governor
- Examples:
  - ◆ Use a map to show the location of the state of Florida within the country of the United States
  - ◆ “In God We Trust”
    - Florida’s state motto is the same as the U.S. national motto
    - Can be found on Florida license plates and on state government buildings
  - ◆ Pascua Florida Day
    - Ponce de Leon, feast of flowers or flowery festival
  - ◆ Florida’s current governor
    - Ron DeSantis
  - ◆ Role of a governor
    - Leader of the state

## CONTENT BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE

Florida is the only state whose motto is identical to the national motto of the United States.

Information on the governor:

1. [Kids Britannica: Governor](#)
2. [National Governors Association: Ron DeSantis](#)

Information on Florida:

1. [Florida DOS: Florida Facts](#)
2. [National Geographic for Kids: Florida](#)
3. [Time and Date: Pascua Florida Day](#)

Information on displaying the state motto in schools:

1. [Florida State Statute: Patriotic Programs](#) (1003.44; 4)