

## TEACHER CRITICAL CONTENT NOTES

BENCHMARK
<b>SS.K.CG.2.5</b> <i>Recognize symbols that represent Florida.</i>
BENCHMARK CLARIFICATIONS
<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>

WHERE STUDENTS HAVE BEEN	
Pre-K	No Background Knowledge
WHERE STUDENTS ARE GOING	
1st Grade	<p>SS.1.CG.2.5 Recognize symbols and individuals that represent Florida.</p> <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>

TIMING/PACING NOTES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● This benchmark may be taught at any time throughout 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.K.CG.2.4 which introduces United States symbols. When teaching United States symbols, the teacher may help the students understand that there are also symbols special to Florida.</li> </ul>

UNDERSTANDING THE BENCHMARK
<p>→ Things to know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Recognize can mean: identify, retell, match, name, recall</li> <li>◆ Florida symbols are things that have special meaning to Florida</li> <li>◆ Symbols help students visualize important representations associated with Florida</li> <li>◆ As this benchmark spirals through grade levels more symbols are added that represent Florida. Kindergarten is about setting the basic foundation of learning</li> </ul>

what a symbol is, as well as associating the state flag and nickname with Florida

→ Main concepts to teach:

- ◆ The concept of a symbol
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Florida symbols
  - Florida state flag
  - Nickname: “The Sunshine State”

→ Examples:

- ◆ Use a map to show the location of the state of Florida within the country of the United States
- ◆ Florida state flag
  - Where students might see it
  - Seal in the middle
- ◆ Nickname
  - “The Sunshine State”
  - On standard license plates in Florida
  - On welcome signs at the state line

## CONTENT BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE

Information on the Florida state flag:

1. [Department of State: Florida Flag](#)

Information on the Florida state nickname:

1. [Encyclopedia Britannica: State Nicknames](#) (click on “Florida” for more specifics)