Grade 1 Social Studies Unit Plan Unit 2- Families, Now and Long Ago

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Big Ideas	Essential Questions
 All families have a history. Families change over time. Families of long ago share similarities and differences with families today. Historical sources inform people about life in the past. Families have existed for a long time. Families lived in other places and at different times. Family growth and change can be documented- growth charts, photographs, videos Families history can be plotted on a timeline Family history and events can be described in days, weeks, months, years, and seasons. The way families record their history changes over time. Families' history is told through stories that are passed from generation to generation. Family members share special folktales/legends, oral histories, and biographies from their culture with each other. Family values, traditions, and beliefs are passed from generation to generation. 	 What was life like in the past? How did transportation affect family life long ago and today? How did technology and communication affect family life long ago? How are the lives of children from long ago similar to and different from children's lives today? In what ways do families hold on to their memories? How do families pass on their culture heritage? Why do families tell stories? How can we show our family history?

Resources	Academic Vocabulary
 Travel in American History by Dana Meachen Rau Transportation Past and Present by Matthew Frank Life on a Wagon Train by Janey Levy Making History: A Covered Wagon by Victoria Braidwich Children Past and Present by Matthew Frank School Then and Now by Robin Nelson Going to School in American History by Dana Meachen Rau Toys, Games, and Fun in American History by Dana Meachen Rau Using Timelines by Margaret McNamara 	memories history culture heritage generation tradition historians photograph travel oral history symbol transportation population past present technology community artifact invented roles schoolhouse celebrate change invention yesterday week month year timeline