Community

Design Intent

Step out onto the porch as the sun is just beginning to peek over the trees, a soft breeze rustling the leaves. Take a walk around the neighborhood, listening to dogs bark and neighbors calling out greetings to one another. Write a thank-you note to the local fire department for their quick response to a call. Attend the monthly town hall meeting, and mark your calendar for the next local elections. We are at our best when we care for one another. In *Community*, it's just what good neighbors do.

Technology Components

- Greenscreen-A solid green backdrop for video production (digital tools not included). Users can replace the green background with any image or visual effects post-production. Refer to the classroom activity guide for recommended usage.

Mural Features

- Flag of Texas-The Lone Star Flag is the official flag of Texas and one of only two state flags, alongside Hawaii's, that previously served as a national flag of an independent country. Originally adopted as the national flag of the Republic of Texas in 1839, it became the state flag in 1845 when Texas joined the United States.
- United States Flag-The United States flag, often called the "Stars and Stripes," features 13 horizontal red and white stripes representing the original 13 colonies, and 50 white stars on a blue field symbolizing the 50 U.S. states. The flag was first adopted on June 14, 1777, by the Second Continental Congress, a date now celebrated annually as Flag Day. The design has evolved 27 times since its creation, with the current version in use since July 4, 1960, after Hawaii became the 50th state.
- San Jacinto Monument-The San Jacinto Monument is a 567-foot tall obelisk located near Houston, Texas. It commemorates the Battle of San Jacinto, the decisive 1836 battle of the Texas Revolution where Texas won its independence from Mexico. The monument includes a 220-ton star topper and contains a museum at its base.

Mural Features

- Houston, Texas-Houston is the most populous city in Texas, with a population of over 2 million. Houston is the fourth most populous city in the United States after New York City, Los Angeles, and Chicago. Houston's economy has a broad industrial base in energy, manufacturing, aeronautics, and transportation. Houston, a leader in healthcare and oilfield equipment manufacturing, ranks second among U.S. cities for the number of Fortune 500 company headquarters within its city limits.

Themes to Explore

- Texas History
- Community Features
- Careers and Community Helpers
- Safety
- Families
- Maps
- Needs vs. Want
- Voting
- Urban, Suburban, and Rural
- Transportation
- Recycling
- Conservation

Mounted Artifacts

- Prop Building and Service Vehicle-Using the dramatic play buildings, a group of students might set up a "city" with a hospital, fire station, and school. They assume roles like firefighter, teacher, or driver and create a storyline where a fire truck rushes to help, a school has to evacuate, and a bus driver helps people relocate. These types of play scenarios involve collaboration, sharing, storytelling, and learning through play.

To Find Out More

- United States Census Bureau
- Chamber of Commerce