



NSDAR Educational Resources Committee

The American Flag - Proud Symbol of our Country

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1. Standards to Be Addressed

Kindergarten –Tennessee–State Standards

The standard to be addressed is Tennessee Social Studies Standard K.12:

Identify the following state and national symbols: American flag, Tennessee flag, and the words of the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Statement of Objective

The objective of this lesson is to help young children recognize the American flag as a proud symbol of our country. Reinforcing the words to the Pledge of Allegiance and what it means will also be addressed.

3. Materials and Resources

Materials needed for this lesson include the following: American flag found in most classrooms, a copy of the book "F is for Flag" by Wendy Cheyette Lewison and illustrated by Barbara Duke, NSDAR Pledge of Allegiance bookmarks, a YouTube recording of "You're a Grand Old Flag" and small handheld American flags. Upon request, the bookmarks and small flags are usually available through a local DAR chapter.

4. Introduction to topic

During your morning meeting, show two to three examples of symbols or logos that young children will know. Examples could include but are not limited to the following: Lego logo, arches from McDonalds, or Target logo. Allow children to name these brands during discussion. The teacher will then ask the group, "What is the symbol of our country?" Acknowledge all answers. Hold up an American flag and explain that this flag stands for our country, the United States of America. We are proud of our flag.

5. Procedure for Instruction

Read the book, "F is for Flag" and pause to reinforce the words to the Pledge of Allegiance. This is a promise to our country to be a good friend to the flag. Answer any questions from the children about the flag during or following the story. Ask the children to stand, and work with any child that needs help placing his/her right hand over their heart. Recite the Pledge of Allegiance in unison.

6. Lesson Closure

Give each child a small handheld flag and parade around the classroom waving the flags. Ask the children to wave their flags high as you play a recording of "You're a Grand Old Flag. " Return to the morning meeting and present each child with a NSDAR Pledge of Allegiance bookmark.

7. Assessment

Use one of the free coloring sheets on <https://mondaymandala.com> to assess student learning. As an additional extension of their learning, ask students to observe places where they see the American flag flying. Have them report the next day and record their answers on a white board or poster board.