



Celebrate the American Flag Kindergarten

The student will:

- Recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag
- Identify the United States flag as a symbol of American freedom

TEKS: K9A and B

Vocabulary:

- symbol
- flag
- Constitution Day
- Celebrate Freedom week
- Pledge of Allegiance

Materials:

- large red heart for teacher to write words (use butcher paper)
- Chart paper
- Markers
- American Flag picture
- Construction paper: red, white, and blue
- Glue
- [US Flag Handout](#)
- [Lone Star Celebrates Freedom \(optional\)](#)
- [American Flag Etiquette](#)
- [Constitution for Kids](#) website

Teaching Strategies:

1. To introduce the lesson display a large heart on the board for students to see.
2. Ask students what words come to mind when they see this picture.
3. Write student thoughts on the heart.
4. Ask students what they think the heart stands for.
5. Share with students that the “heart” image stands for or is a symbol for love. Ask questions such as:
 - Can you think of other images that stand for something else? (e.g. McDonalds, apple for iPads, etc)
 - Can you think of any symbols that stand for our country, America?
6. Show the American Flag. Share with students that this stands for or symbolizes American Freedom.

7. Have students look at the flag and make observations about what they see. (red stripes, white stripes, stars, blue, etc.)
8. Ask students to tell you how many stars and stripes they see.
9. Share with students the following about the flag:
 - It has 13 stripes that stand for or symbolize the 13 original colonies that started the United States a long time ago.
 - It has 50 stars that stand for or symbolize each state in the United States.
10. Share with students that this week we observe Celebrate Freedom week in honor of all the freedoms we have as citizens of the United States. During this week we also celebrate Constitution Day. The Constitution is the set of rules we follow in our country. It belongs to the United States. It belongs to all Americans. Just like you have rules you follow at home and in school, there are rules we follow as citizens of the United States. All those rules are stated in the Constitution. The Constitution gives us our rights and freedoms as Americans. It was adopted on September 17, 1787. We celebrate the Constitution each year during Celebrate Freedom week on September 17.
11. Explain that in honor of Celebrate Freedom week, each student will create a flag to celebrate our freedoms as Americans. Pass out red stripes, white stripes, blue rectangles, white stars (or draw them on the blue rectangle).
12. Have students create flags. Lead students in the process of doing this. Allow students time to place all the stripes on the flag first before gluing them down.



13. Have students complete the US Flag Handout and fill in the blanks.
14. Attach the flag handout to the flag and display in the classroom.
15. To honor this symbol of America, we recite the Pledge of Allegiance every day. Let's recite that pledge now. Have students stand and recite the pledge.

The United States Flag

Name: _____

The United States flag is a symbol for our country. It has _____ stripes. Each stripe represents each of the _____ colonies that started our country.

The flag has _____ stars to represent the fifty states in our country. The flag is a symbol of freedom to Americans.