



Third Grade Patriot Program

Please make sure **YOUR FIRST & LAST NAME AND TEACHER'S NAME ARE WRITTEN ON EACH PROJECT** before you hand it in to the Patriot Committee.

PROJECTS CAN BE CHECKED IN ON 1/17, 2/7, 3/6 AND 3/27, 2020. No more than 2 assignments per check-in day.

***** Students Must Complete 4 of 7 Activities to Become a Patriot*****

1. RESEARCH INFORMATION ABOUT COUNTIES IN MASSACHUSETTS

Students will select five Massachusetts towns or cities. For each, students will: state the name of the town or city, what county the town or city is in, the origin of its name, and two-three sentences including interesting facts about each. Also, identify their location in Massachusetts.

2. WHAT DOES THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE MEAN TO YOU?

Explain what the Pledge of Allegiance means to you in paragraph form. Incorporate its history and impact on our country. Be sure to use your best writing practices.

3. SING or RECITE THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER

Memorize the words to "The Star Spangled Banner", our national anthem. The students will recite or sing the **first** verse of the song. A copy of the anthem is attached.

4. COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

We are asking the third grade students to "pay it forward" by helping in a community activity. This service must be completed by YOU. Your time and effort put forth must be explained and justified in a neatly written or typed paragraph. Explain what you did and how it made you feel. How did your service help the community? The community service could be anything from donating to a local agency, spending time in a nearby senior center, or helping a neighbor in need. Attach your paragraph to the Community Service form attached.

5. WRITE A LETTER SHOWING APPRECIATION TO A SOLDIER OR FIRST RESPONDER (POLICE OFFICER, FIRE FIGHTER, or EMS)

The children are to write a letter to a soldier or a first responder currently serving our country. The letter should show appreciation for their service. Pictures can be drawn to decorate the letter. Please make a copy of the letter and send it into school verifying the requirement was fulfilled. If you get a response from your letter and would like to share it, please bring it in to the Patriot Committee.

6. IDENTIFY PATRIOTIC SYMBOLS

Draw the Massachusetts state seal, Plymouth County seal, or the Pembroke town seal. Explain the symbolism in your own words.

7. RESEARCH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

Create a booklet containing the following government officials: U.S. President, U.S. Vice President, Massachusetts Governor and the Plymouth County Executive. Include a picture along with a description of their duties (include at least two duties per official).



COMMUNITY SERVICE FORM

This is to verify that _____, a student at
(name)

Hobomock Elementary School, supported your agency,

(name of center)

by _____

_____ on _____
(description of volunteer activity) (date)

Signed by Agency Representative _____

Student's Signature _____

Student's Printed First & Last Name _____

Parent's Signature _____

The Star Spangled Banner Lyrics

By Francis Scott Key 1814



Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars thru the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

On the shore, dimly seen through the mists of the deep,
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected now shines in the stream:
'Tis the star-spangled banner! Oh long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

And where is that band who so vauntingly swore
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion,
A home and a country should leave us no more!
Their blood has washed out their foul footsteps' pollution.
No refuge could save the hireling and slave
From the terror of flight, or the gloom of the grave:
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

Oh! thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand
Between their loved home and the war's desolation!
Blest with victory and peace, may the heav'n rescued land
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation.
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust."
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!