

WEEK 22 **Respecting Our Country**



Dear Parent/Guardian,

This week, our goal is to help your child develop respect for the American flag and all that it represents. Understanding how and why the American flag was made and what it symbolizes becomes the foundation of developing respect for our country. In this lesson, children are learning the following:

- **Respecting our flag shows respect for our country.**
- **We respect our flag by placing a hand over our heart and by never letting it touch the ground.**

If you would like to reinforce your child's development of respect for our country, here are a few ideas:

- Look at a flag with your child and point out that each part has meaning. The 50 stars stand for our 50 states. The 13 stripes stand for the original 13 British colonies.
- Patriotism is passed from one generation to the next. Did you stand at the last high school football game with your hand over your heart for the national anthem? Did you sing along? Did you turn toward the flag? Did you remove your hat?
- It's easy to criticize the president, to complain about everything that's wrong with our country and to talk about how disgruntled we are with the state of our society. Instead of complaining, do your best to let your child see your active participation in making our country better. He needs to witness your respect and love for 'the land of the free and the home of the brave,' if he is going to develop respect for our country himself.

Teaching your child to respect and honor our flag is the beginning of raising a true patriot who will defend and protect our freedoms in the future.

From our hearts to yours,



PS Don't forget to ask what PATRIOTISM and CITIZENSHIP mean!



PATRIOTISM—Loving my country
CITIZENSHIP—An attitude of cooperation
for the good of everyone