

WEEK 22 **Respecting Our Country**



Dear Parent/Guardian,

For Your Heart

It is an honor to be an American citizen. With that honor comes great responsibility.

- When we teach children to appreciate the freedoms of our country, we help them develop respect for those who defend our country.
- Reciting the Pledge of Allegiance teaches children to respect our nation's flag.
- Learning the meaning of the words to the Pledge of Allegiance helps children understand the importance of keeping your promises.

This week, first graders are learning the words of the Pledge and why those words are a promise not to be broken.

For the Heart of Your Child

You can help instill respect in the heart of your child for the freedoms we enjoy in our country. Here are a few ideas to reinforce your child's development of respect for our country:

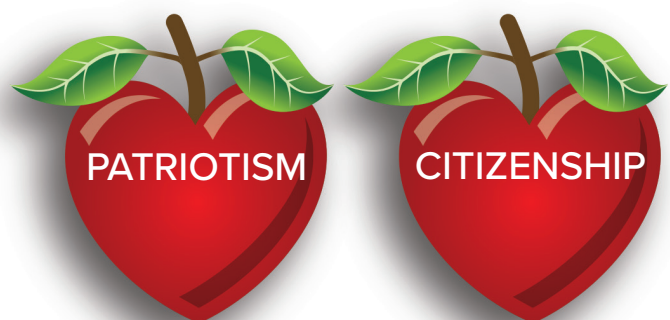
- Stand and face the flag whenever the national anthem is played.
- It's easy to criticize our president or other leaders, or to complain about all that is wrong with our country. Do your best to show appreciation and respect for the country that gives opportunities to succeed like no other.
- Model how to say the Pledge correctly when the opportunity arises, such as during a sporting event. Stand tall, face the flag with your right hand over your heart and recite the words.

Your child will learn more from watching you show respect for our country than from anyone else.

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