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Dear Parents,

In an effort to commemorate September 11, 2001, a committee consisting of teachers and support personnel from across our district was formed. It was established that each year the anniversary of September 11, 2001 be recognized as “Patriot Day” in each of our elementary buildings. “Symbols of Citizenship”, which are appropriate for each grade level, will be integrated into the curriculum during the week of September 11th each year. A moment of silence will take place in each of our schools in memory of those who tragically lost their lives on this fateful day, when September 11th falls on a school day. When September 11th falls on a weekend, this day will be observed on the preceding Friday.

Each of our schools’ libraries has developed a list of books appropriate for each grade level on a variety of related themes to assist you. If you choose to discuss this event and its significance at home with your children a list of these books is being provided on the back of this letter.

Please feel free to contact myself or your school’s building principal with any questions you may have. Your ongoing support is always appreciated. I wish to extend my warmest wishes to you and your family for a positive, productive, and rewarding 2024-2025 school year.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Lisa M. Belz'.

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“Patriot Day” Bibliography

Grade Level K-3

<i>Albert</i>	Donna Jo Napoli	Reading Level 3.2
<i>A is for America: An American Alphabet</i>	Devlin Scillian	Reading Level 3.5
<i>America: A Patriotic Primer</i>	Lynne Cheney	Reading Level 4.4
<i>America Is...</i>	Louise Borden	Reading Level 3.9
<i>D is for Democracy: A Citizen’s Alphabet</i>	Elissa Grodin	Reading Level 4.5
<i>Fireboat: The Heroic Adventures of The John Harvey</i>	Maira Kalman	Reading Level 3.5
<i>The Impossible Patriotism Project</i>	Linda Skeers	Reading Level 3.0
<i>It’s Still a Dog’s New York: A Book of Healing</i>	Susan L. Roth	Reading Level 4.3
<i>Liberty</i>	Allan Drummond	Reading Level 4.5
<i>The Little Chapel That Stood</i>	A.B. Curtiss	Reading Level 4.4
<i>The Man Who Walked Between the Towers</i>	Mordicai Gerstein	Reading Level 4.2
<i>New York’s Bravest</i>	Mary Pope Osborne	Reading Level 3.3
<i>On That Day: A Book of Hope for Children</i>	Andrea Patel	Reading Level 3.6
<i>Picnic in October</i>	Eve Bunting	Reading Level 4.3
<i>September 12th: We Knew Everything Would be All Right</i>	1 st Grade Students of H.Byron Elementary in Kennett, Missouri	Reading Level 3.4
<i>The Story of the Statue of Liberty</i>	Betsy Maestro	Reading Level 4.6
<i>There’s a Big, Beautiful World Out There!</i>	Nancy L. Carlson	Reading Level 4.1
<i>This Place I Know: Poems of Comfort</i>		Reading Level 4.3

Grade Level 3-6

<i>The Pledge of Allegiance in Translation: What it Really Means</i>	Elizabeth Raum	Reading Level 4.9
<i>The Star-Spangled Banner in Translation: What it Really Means</i>	Elizabeth Raum	Reading Level 4.7
<i>American Poetry: Poetry for Young People</i>	Edited by John Hollander, Ph.D.	Reading Level 6 & Up

Grade Level 5-6

<i>The Flag We Love</i>	Pam Munoz Ryan	Reading Level 5.5
<i>September 11, 2001: Attack on New York City</i>	Wilborn Hampton	Reading Level 6.7
<i>Coping with Terrorism</i>	Amy Sterling Casel	Reading Level 6 & Up
<i>Every Human Has Rights: A Photo Declaration for Kids</i>	Published by National Geographic	Reading Level 6-9
<i>Lady Liberty: A Biography</i>	Doreen Rappaport	Reading Level 6 & Up
<i>The Man with the Red Bag</i>	Eve Bunting	Reading Level 5 & Up
<i>The Pledge of Allegiance</i>	Francis Bellamy	Reading Level 5 & Up