

EDUC 331
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Lesson: Flag Bookmark Craft

Length: 20 minutes

Age or Grade Intended: Preschool

Performing Objectives: After talking about the United States flag, students will orally describe the importance of this national symbol with 85% accuracy.

After discussing the Pledge of Allegiance students will orally describe what the pledge means with 85% accuracy.

When given instructions students will create a Pledge of Allegiance bookmark with national symbols 100% of the time.

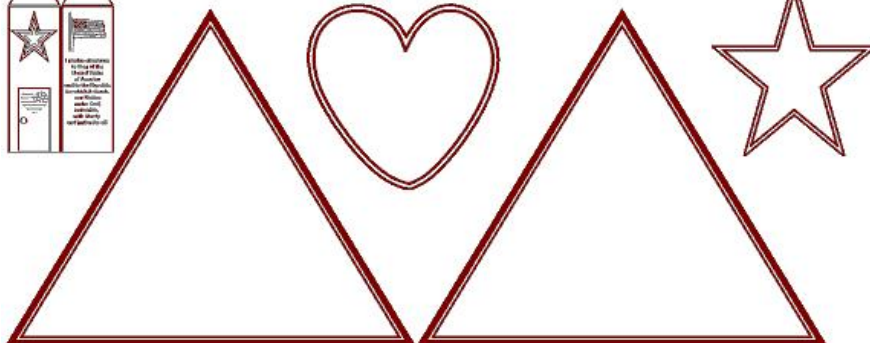
Advanced Preparation by the Teacher: The teacher will need to have an example of the American flag and be able to explain what the stars and stripes mean. Each student will need a copy of the "Bookmark craft template" to cut out. Other supplies include: pre-cut pieces of blue, red, and white yarn or ribbon, for the tassel, scissors, glue, markers and crayons. It would also be helpful to write the Pledge of Allegiance on the board, poster or overhead.

Introduction/Motivation: How many of you have seen a red, white and blue flag in the classroom or on a pole outside? Do you know what that is? Have you ever said the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag? Well today we are going to talk about a national symbol, the United States flag and The Pledge of Allegiance and why they are important to us and our country. Then we will get to make a neat bookmark to remind you of the information that we learned today!

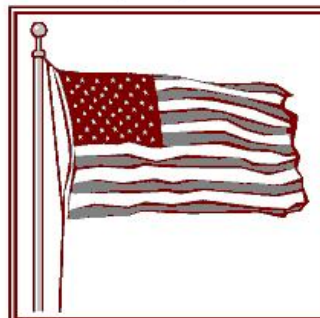
Step-by-Step Plan:

1. What is a flag? What does a National flag represent?- Show a picture of the flag and then explain that every country has a national flag to represent a country's citizens. Explain that being a citizen is like being part of a team, and we work together to take care of our country. Ask students what the stars and stripes mean, (13 stripes-13 original colonies, 50 stars-50 states).
2. Discuss and present the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Read and say the pledge. Ask students if they know what it means. Explain that every citizen makes an important promise to be a good citizen called the pledge. It is the duty of every American citizen to learn, understand, and respect the pledge.
3. Pledge of Allegiance Bookmark: -Pass out "Bookmark craft template"
 - Instruct students to color in the book mark and add pictures of the flag or other important symbols if they want, like stars.
 - Then students will cut out the bookmark and triangle roof.
 - Glue the ribbon to the roof and glue the roof to the bookmark then fold on the line and glue the two sides of the bookmark together with the yarn hanging out of the top.

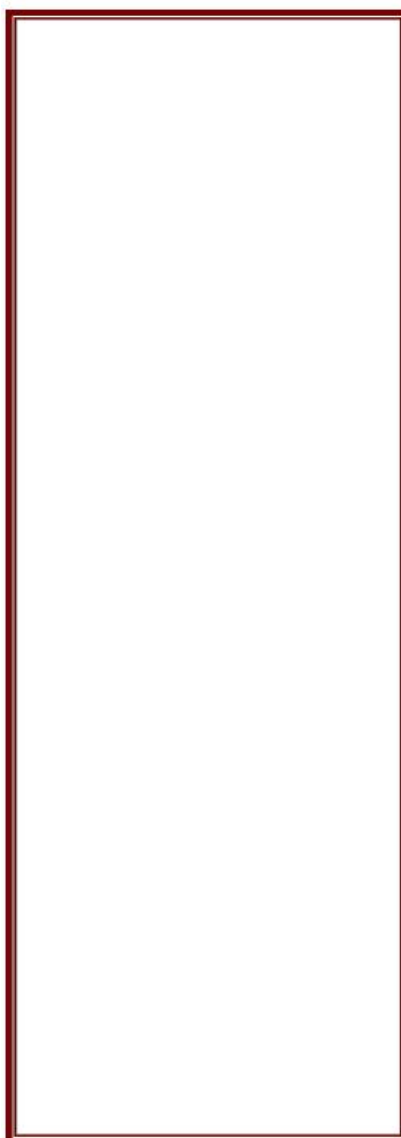
Closure: This bookmark reminds us of the importance of reading to be informed and efficient citizens. I hope you all learned a little more about our flag and The Pledge of Allegiance and what it means to be a citizen of the United States of America.



Tip: Replace black & white flag with a mailing stamp or color sticker.



Glue bookmark over this area and fold



**I pledge allegiance
to the Flag of the
United States
of America,
and to the Republic
for which it stands,
one Nation
under God,
indivisible,
with liberty
and justice for all.**

