

THE VALUES OF GOOD CITIZENSHIP & PATRIOTISM

WHAT TO TALK ABOUT

It is important that students realize the following about being a Good Citizen and Patriot

- Being a good citizen and patriot means that you are on your best behavior at all times.
- Being a good citizen and patriot means that you show loyalty, allegiance, and love for your school, community and country.

People who are good citizens and patriots

- share and take turns.
- obey the laws and rules of our homes, schools, communities and countries.
- respect authority.
- accept responsibility for their actions.
- admit their mistakes and make an effort to correct them.
- are loyal friends.
- are trustworthy.
- care for their property and the property of others.
- treat others fairly, with courtesy and with respect.
- respect and protect all living things.
- respect ourselves by staying strong and healthy.
- are aware of what they do to make their home, school, neighborhood, community and country a better place to live.
- take the time to vote for elected officials and important issues.

JOURNAL STARTERS

- A person who is a good citizen
- A person who is patriotic...
- I practice good citizenship and patriotism at school...
- I practice good citizenship and patriotism at home....
- I practice good citizenship and patriotism in my community...
- Good citizens have the right to
- A good citizen that I know is _____. He/she is a good citizen because....
- Someone that I know who is patriotic is _____. They are patriotic because
- Today I will be a good citizen by
- Good citizens protect our environment by
- I am proud to be an American because ...
- When I grow up I will be a good citizen and patriotic by...
- A bad citizen is someone who
- Good citizens in my classroom
- I can improve being a good citizen by
- I can improve being a patriot by ...
- A presidential candidate needs to practice good citizenship and patriotism because
- On Memorial Day we practice good citizenship and patriotism by ...
- On the Fourth of July we practice being a good citizen by...
- The responsibilities of a good citizen are
- The responsibilities of those who practice patriotism are....

BOOKS TO READ & DISCUSS

PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN

Hooray for the 4th of July by Rick Brown
Presidents' Day by Anne F. Rockwell
Corduroy's Fourth of July by Don Freeman
Lend a Helping Hand by Stan & Jan Berenstain
Mr. Lincoln's Wiskers by Karen B. Winnock

FIRST GRADE

Stuart Little: Think Big, Vote Little! By Laura Driscoll
Peace Begins With You by Katherine Scholes
I Pledge Allegiance by June Swanson
Everyone Makes a Difference: A Story About Community By Cindy Leary
I Am A Good Citizen by Marie Bender & Mary Elizabeth Salzmann
(?)Tulip Sees America by Cynthia Rylant

SECOND GRADE

Community Spirit; Symbols of Citizenship in Communities By Angela Catalano
Duck for President by Doreen Cronin
This Land Is Your Land by Woody Guthrie
By the Dawn's Early Light: The Story of the Star Spangled Banner
By Steven Kroll
If I Were An American by Charles R. Smith

THIRD GRADE to FIFTH GRADE

We Live Here Too!: Kids Talk About Good Citizenship By Nancy Loewen
Strega Nona: Hope's Crossing by Joan Elizabeth Goodman
Shhh! We're Writing the Constitution by Jen Fritz
And Then What Happened Paul Revere by Jean Fritz
Molly Pitcher: Young American Patriot by John Glaser
Childhood of Famous Americans Series
American Girl Series
Blast to the Past Series

Other

Johnny Tremaine
Across Five Aprils
To Kill A Mockingbird by Harper Lee
The Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain
Fredrick Douglas: The Narrative of a Slave by Fredrick Douglass
The Biography of Benjamin Banneker by Laura Litwin
Susan B. Anthony by Deborah Hopkinson
Clara Barton by Augusta Stevenson
The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pitman by Ernest Gaines
The Summer of My German Soldier by Bette Green
The Biography of Wilma Rudolph by Maureen Smith
Citizen 13660 by Mine Okubo
Not without Honor: the Story of Sammy Lee by Molly Frickly Womble
Freedom from Fear by Aung San Suu Kyi
Touch the Earth by T.C. McLuhan
An Uncertain Legacy by Edward McLean



ACTIVITIES

SOCIAL STUDIES

- Do a group research project on a person who has made a real contribution to others. Present what you have on a power point, or in a brochure.
- Have the class find newspaper or on-line articles about people who are good citizens. Have the students share those articles.
- Take a look at the Constitution and the Bill of Rights of the United States. List ways we all follow the Constitution.
- Identify how we are a citizen of: our school, community, town, city, state and country. Describe some of the laws and rules of the communities where you live. When it comes to these laws and rules, what do good citizens do?

LANGUAGE ARTS


- Have students write a story or newspaper article about a person they know who practices good citizenship.
- Write a poem or rap about good citizenship.
- Either discuss, or have the students write how various characters they are reading about practice, or do not practice the value of good citizenship.
- Have the students read a book written by, or about a famous person who has practiced the value of good citizenship.

SCIENCE & HEALTH

- Have students create a list of all of the ways they can help take care of our environment. Compile the list, and send a copy of it home or to the local newspapers.
- Research the purpose of the FDA.
- Take a look at an organization like NASA. Explain how this organization is connected closely to our country. Have the students discover what patriotic symbol was placed on the moon during the moonwalks.

LIBRARY

- Using the biography section, indicate books about various individuals who have practiced the value of good citizenship.
- Introduce the students to the books in the library that tell about our government.



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MUSIC

- Take a look at how our country's history has been documented in much of our folk music.
- Create a song about the value of each vote.
- Teach a patriotic song or dance.

MATH

- Look at various flags and symbols of our country. Notice shapes, patterns, symmetry, etc. on these objects. Work to design a logo for Home & Hospital Center that incorporates these elements.
- Take a look at our coins and bills. Notice how they contain many symbols of our country on them.
- Discuss the fact that it is the people of this country who financially contribute to our countries expenses through taxes.
- Examine the issues of taxes and how they are calculated.

PE

- Share ideas about good citizenship and how this value is observed at sporting events.
- Research the Olympics and the ways it relates to good citizenship and patriotism around the world.

ART

- Take a look at art that promotes the value of patriotism and good citizenship. Have students create their own piece of artwork of the same topic.
- Have the students study the history of the American Flag and some of the state flags. Have them create a flag for Home & Hospital Center.

TECHNOLOGY

- Have the students do a Google search on 'kids making a difference'. After reading several stories, plan ways they can make a difference at home, school and community.
- Research the process of how to become a U.S. citizen by looking at Ben's Guide to Becoming a Citizen (bensguide.gpo.gov)

OTHER

- Have the students set goals for themselves for practicing the value of good citizenship throughout the remainder of the school year, and create graphic

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