

Presidents' Day Activity

Many K teachers talk about Patriotism and the flag in, February so here is an idea for an activity.

(POEM)

Hurray for the U.S. A.

I love the U.S.A.
And my flag red, white and blue.
Here I will always stay,
My heart forever true.

I will stand and say the pledge,
My hand upon my heart.
I love the land of the brave and free,
I want to do my part.

(ACTIVITIES)

* Design a class flag using handprints and discuss the significance of flags and allegiance.

* Make U.S. flag handprints. Have each student paint a blue square on the bottom of his or her palm, paint fingers and thumb red and white. Turn the hand over and press it onto white construction paper. Use a q-tip to add white paint stars. Let it dry and then cut it out and display.

(RELATED BOOKS))

The Flag We Love by Pam Munoz Ryan (Charlesbridge, 2000)

Red, White and Blue: The Story of the American Flag by John Herman (Penguin Putnam, 1998)

This Land is Your Land by Woody Guthrie (Little Brown, 1998)

We the People: Poems by Bobbi Katz (Greenwillow, 2000)

(SNACK)

U.S. Flags

1 graham cracker per child
white icing
2 red licorice strips, trimmed to fit
blue decorator icing in a tube or icing that has been turned blue with food coloring
white decorator icing in a tube
star sprinkles

1. Spread generous amount of white icing on graham cracker.
2. Put a square of blue icing on the top left of the graham cracker. Then place star sprinkles on the blue square.
3. Place trimmed licorice strips on the graham cracker to make the strips.
4. Have a Yankee Doodle good treat!

** A class cake may be made instead of the individual snacks. Use a white rectangle cake, white frosting, blueberry stars, and raspberry strips.