

**Lesson Link Cycle #1:  
Roosevelt Kindergarten**

**The Flag of the United States**

**Materials needed:**

Chart paper  
9x12 black construction paper for each student  
4x4 blue construction paper for each student  
white crayon  
red and white oil pastels  
Our Flag book  
A U.S. Flag  
Copy of the pledge of allegiance

**Standard:**

Social Studies K.2 Students recognize the National and state symbols and icons such as the flag, bald eagle etc.

**Connection:**

In class we have been practicing the pledge of allegiance. We have also looked at pictures of what our flag used to look like. Today we are going to learn a little bit more about our flag and where we see it.

**Teaching Point:**

Today we are going to think about the US flag and where we see it and what it looks like.

**Teach:**

Let's look at the flag in our classroom. What do you notice about the flag? (chart student responses. Have one student stand up and point to the stars and the stripes and have the whole class count together.

**Possible prompts:** How many stripes, how many stars, what colors, what shapes

Now let's think about places we have seen the flag. (chart student responses)

**Possible prompts:** I am thinking of a place where I go to mail letters, I think there may be one at the front of the place you go to watch a baseball game.

These are some great ideas. We know a lot about what our flag looks like and about where we see the flag.

Let's read this book called Our Flag.

After story, talk about how the flag looks different today than when our country was first beginning.

In the book, **Our Flag**, there was a pledge of allegiance. Let's stand up now and recite the pledge of allegiance. You can read along on this chart.

**Demonstration:**

Today we are going to get to make a flag of our own. We are going to use construction paper and oil pastels to make our own US flag. First I will take the big black paper. Then I am going to take the precut blue paper and glue it in the upper left hand corner of the black paper. Then I am going to take the red and white oil pastels and make the stripes. I need 13 stripes on my flag. Next, I need to draw my fifty stars as best as I can. Today when you make your flag, you are going to try your best to fit on the correct number of stars and stripes.

**Pass out materials.**

**Possible problems that students may encounter:**

Not knowing the number of stars and stripes	Refer to chart/count them on the flag
Not able to fit everything on the paper	have students make their best attempt
Not being able to count to 50	Have friend help

**Wrap up:**

Have students view their flags in a gallery walk. Reread the story of Our Flag.

If students finish early they can work on a new flag of their own design or attempt to make the original flag of the 13 colonies.