

Patriot Program Requirements for Fifth Grade

1. Practice at home. Complete in school. What is the name of the United States National Anthem?

The Star Spangled Banner

2. Practice at home. Complete in school. Who wrote the lyrics to The Star Spangled Banner?

Francis Scott Key

3. Practice at home. Complete in school. Recite or sing The Star Spangled Banner.

Oh, say, can you see
By the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hail'd
At the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars
Through the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watch'd
Were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare
The bombs bursting in air
Gave proof through the night
That our flag was still there
O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free
And the home of the brave?

4. Practice at home. Complete in school.

What is proper flag etiquette during the pledge or a parade?

Remove your hat. Place your right hand over your heart. Stop any conversation you are having.

What do we do when flying the flag at night?

Have a light to illuminate the flag.

How do we raise and lower the flag?

Raise quickly, Lower slowly

Why do we not let the flag touch the ground?

To show respect for the flag and what it stands for and to protect it from damage.

What do we do when a flag becomes worn or torn?

The flag must be retired in a dignified way.

5. Complete at home. Write a paragraph (at least 5 sentences) of what a patriot means to you.

- Or -

Write a letter to an elected official who represents you. This could be at the national, state, or local level. Your letter may be a praise, criticism, idea, request, etc. You do not need to mail your letter but if you choose to do so, ask a grown-up for help. Let your patriot program volunteer know if you would like your letter back after being marked complete so that you can mail it.

6. Complete at home. Complete 1 hour of community service. This can be an activity of your choice, just make sure to discuss your plan with a grown-up first. Some ideas for community service include:

- Collect food, toys, clothes, books, towels, blankets, or other items and donate them to an organization in need.
- Rake leaves or shovel snow for a neighbor or family member.
- Pick up trash in your neighborhood or other area.
- Make Holiday cards or decorations and donate to a senior living facility.
- Write letters of gratitude to servicemen and women. (Be sure not to include personal information other than your first name.)
- Bring a treat to the local sheriff's office or firehouse to show gratitude.

After you have completed your community service, fill out the community service form included in this packet and have an adult sign it. You may turn this in to your Patriot Program volunteer.