



Memorial Day



In this blog, you will find different ways to teach your child about and celebrate Memorial Day. There are several short videos explaining the holiday as well as read alouds and crafts to help your child understand the importance of this holiday.

Learn about the History and Importance of Memorial Day (Gr. K-4)

<https://mass.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/87a8f1c1-a555-448a-9aae-78a7b9110375/memorial-day-all-about-the-holidays/>

What is Memorial Day?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YCJApBnLcAo>

Memorial Day History (Gr. 3+)

This article discusses the history and traditions of Memorial Day. This article is best suited for independent reading in Gr 3+ but can be read to younger students

<https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/memorial-day-history>

Let's Give Back

- Use the link below to send letters to active military, reserves, and veterans to thank them for their service <https://amillionthanks.org/>
- Use the link below to send care packages, cards, or letters to troops stationed overseas. This website connects you to the contact information for military members to send items to. <http://anysoldier.com/index.cfm>

Patriotic Songs

You're a Grand Old Flag

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sO12beCe_ac

America the Beautiful

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ONpP0isJMsY>

This Land

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oWPhS7TVuJ8>

Memorial Day Flag Song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iv9P0hX6QHM>

Writing Prompts

- Create a banner using small paper triangles or flags. On each piece write a word or sentence to describe the soldiers that we honor on Memorial Day.
- Write a letter or make a card for an active military member. Use one of the links above to find a soldier to send them to.
- Give three reasons you are thankful for soldiers
- Explain why a soldier is a hero and describe ways we can honor soldiers.

Memorial Day Texts and Read Alouds

Memorial Day (PK-2)

https://www.myon.com/reader/index.html?a=lc_memor_f12

Celebrate Memorial Day (Gr. 1-3)

https://www.myon.com/reader/index.html?a=ush_memor_s19

The Wall (Gr. 1+)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cLezi_5UEkY

Hero Mom (PK+)/ Hero Dad

These texts show some of the jobs that soldiers do

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GcH3voFICsg>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YU-h8-fCwA>

F is for Flag

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p57BhYHBA58>

Memorial Day Surprise

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ak9UuisNOdo>



Materials: construction paper, contact paper, scissors (Optional: glitter, tissue paper)
 Create a patriotic suncatcher by cutting out a border from construction paper. This can be rectangular like the photo above or a star shape. Next, lay a piece of contact paper flat and have your child add different patriot decorations (paper stripes, stars, glitter, stickers, etc.). Place a second piece of contact paper over the finished sheet to contain all the decorations then glue to the frame and hang in a window.

Materials: paint, construction paper, scissors, glue (Optional: popsicle stick)
 Create this soldier craft by cutting a rectangular body, arms, legs, and hat from tan/ brown construction paper. Have your child use their fingertips to dip into green and brown paint to create the camouflage pattern. Cut out a circle for the head then work with your child to glue all the pieces together. Finally, add a sign to say "thank you." You can use a popsicle stick or cardboard to create a more stable sign. Mail this to a military friend/ relative or hang in a window.



Materials: paper plate, red paint, glue, red tissue or crepe paper, black tissue/ paper
 To make a large poppy, have your child color or paint the plate red and let dry. Next, add glue to the dry plate. Have your child add pieces of red tissue or crepe paper to look like petals until the plate is covered. Then add a black center made from either construction paper or tissue paper with a green middle. You can also use the following link for instructions on creating poppies from coffee filters and cupcake liners
Coffee Filter Poppies
<https://happyhooligans.ca/painted-coffee-filter-poppies-craft/>
Cupcake Liner Poppy-
<https://happyhooligans.ca/painted-cupcake-liner-poppies-craft/>

Materials: paper towel or wrapping paper roll, construction paper, scissors, glue
 Begin by having your child decorate the paper towel or wrapping paper roll to be their "flag pole." Either cut red stripes or draw lines on red paper to have your child cut for themselves. After cutting the stripes, work with your child to glue them to white paper to create the flag stripes. Cut out a blue square and either draw stars with a white crayon or cut out stars to glue on. Attach the flag to the "flag pole" with liquid glue or a glue gun and let dry. Have your child use their flag to wave while listening to patriotic music or display in a window



Materials: Popsicle sticks, markers/ paint, cardboard, glue
 Arrange your popsicle sticks to create a flag shape. Color or paint each popsicle stick. For younger children, mark what colors they need to use for each. Then cut a rectangle of cardboard slightly smaller than the flag to glue your popsicle sticks to. Once the flag is arranged, glued, and has dried, you can add star stickers or paint stars on the blue section