



# Flag Education for Kids!

This is to help you know how to take good care of the Flag of the United States of America!

## Displaying the Flag:

- On Same Staff: U.S. flag at very top, above any other flag.
- Grouped with other flags: U.S. flag goes to its own right. Flags of other nations are flown at same height.
- Marching with other flags: U.S. flag to marcher's right (observer's left).
- Decoration: Never use the flag for decoration. Use bunting with the blue on top, then white, then red.

## Half Staff (Halfway up the flag pole):

- On special days, the flag may be flown at half-staff.
- On Memorial Day it is flown at half-staff until Noon and then raised.

## Saluting the U.S. Flag:

- Everyone in uniform should use the military salute.
- Members of the armed forces and veterans who are present, but not in uniform, may use the military salute.
- **Everyone else should face the flag and stand at attention with their right hand over the heart.**
- If you are wearing anything on your head, take it off with your right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart.

## Don't do this!!!

- Do not let the flag touch the ground.
- Do not fly flag upside down unless there is an emergency.
- Do not carry the flag flat, or carry things in it.
- Do not use the flag as clothing.
- Do not store the flag where it can get dirty.
- Do not use it as a cover.
- Do not fasten it or tie it back. Always allow it to fall free.
- Do not draw on or otherwise mark the flag.

## Flag Disposal:

*This should only be done with adult supervision!*

- The flag should be folded in its customary manner.
- It is important that the fire be fairly large and of sufficient intensity to ensure complete burning of the flag.
- Place the flag on the fire.
- The individual(s) can come to attention, salute the flag, recite the Pledge of Allegiance and have a brief period of silent reflection.
- After the flag is completely consumed, the fire should then be safely extinguished and the ashes buried.
- Please make sure you are conforming to local/state fire codes or ordinances.

