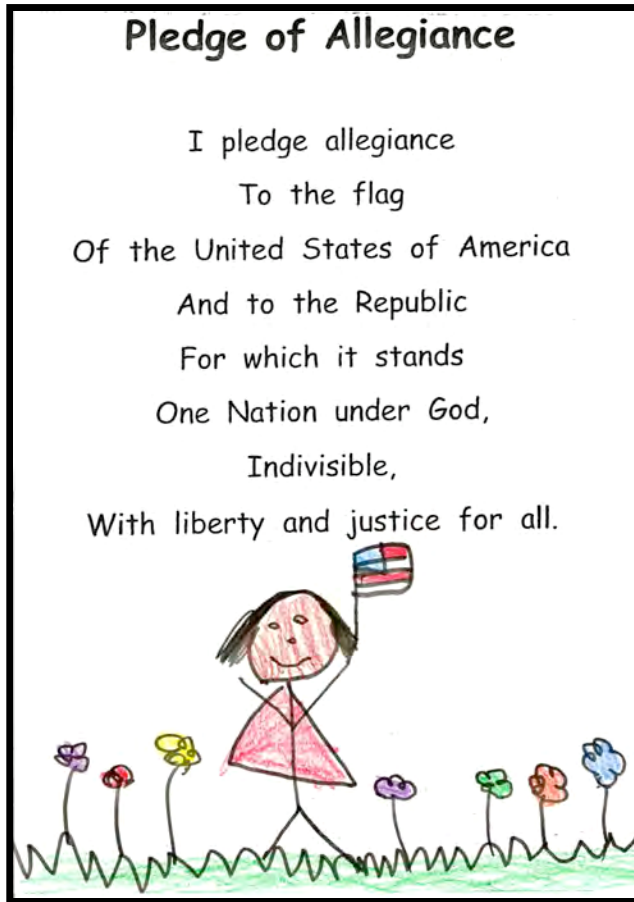


Pledge of Allegiance: Use Sign Language and Art to Build Meaning



Children love to recite **The Pledge of Allegiance with accompanying American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation.** We provide repeated practice with the oral language and signed concepts until mastery is achieved. Then we invite children to perform for their reading buddies, principal, parents or the whole school at an assembly! **Children gain confidence and pride in their speech and communications skills** when they can sign and recite and perform familiar language with precise enunciation – and dramatic flair.

Illustrating The Pledge of Allegiance personalizes the language; each child, makes it truly “their own.”

Engage children in illustrating their own Pledge of Allegiance. Save the individually illustrate page in the child’s “I Can Read” Notebooks (a.k.a. Read Together Anthologies and Poetry Notebooks). This will be read and reread. Repeated Reading Practice Builds Confidence and Fluency: Expression, Inflection, Accuracy and Phrasing.

Build Reading Independence With Meaningful Language

Student samples of illustrated poetry pages can also be stored in clear plastic sleeves and available for the children to choose for their individual “Read to Self” book boxes. Familiar and meaningful language becomes a part of their “Just Right: I Can Read!” materials as they proudly build reading independence.

See www.nellieedge.com for Pledge of Allegiance and other free anthology pages suitable for emergent and independent readers.