



## Civics Learning Guide (K)

### Home:School Connections

#### Unit Overview

During the civics unit, students will demonstrate that being a good citizen involves taking turns, completing classroom chores, taking care of personal belongings and respecting others' belongings, and a number of others. They will also begin to appreciate that good citizens behave this way at home, at school, and in the community and that there are consequences if rules are not followed. Along with learning to be a good citizen, students will recognize the American flag and the pledge of allegiance. They will also know that the president is the leader of our country.

#### Key Terms and Concepts

Your student may come home using some new vocabulary. Here are just a few so you can continue the conversation:

- community
- rules
- consequences

#### Home Support

There are a number of ways you can support your student during this unit. These are just a few suggestions:

- Hang an American flag somewhere in your home or outside and discuss your reasons for doing so. Frequently ask your child to identify the flag or even recite the pledge.
- Create a chart with a few of your home rules. Write what happens if your child follows the rules, and the consequences for breaking the rule.
- When you see a picture of the president on TV or in print, point them out and remind your child that they are the president which means they lead the country.
- Allow your child to help you make simple family decisions and be part of a group discussion. This may be what activity you do for the day or what to watch on TV.



#### Books and Websites

Here are some books you can read to your child.

- ***F is for Flag*** by Wendy Lewinson
- ***Know and Follow Rules*** by Cheri Meiners
- ***The Pledge of Allegiance*** by Scholastic Inc.
- ***Arthur Meets the President*** by Marc Brown

There are many kid-friendly websites to explore these concepts. A few worth checking out are:

- [Helping Out Games: PBS Kids](http://pbskids.org/games/helpingout.html) [http://pbskids.org/games/helpingout.html]
- [VA Kids Coloring Book](http://www4.va.gov/Kids/k-5/cbook.asp) [http://www4.va.gov/Kids/k-5/cbook.asp]
- [Presidents Printables](http://printables.familyeducation.com/) [http://printables.familyeducation.com/ **KEYWORD SEARCH:** Presidents]