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The Arkansas Flag and Other State Symbols on the Arkansas State University-Mountain Home Trail

Grade Level: K-2

Subject: Arkansas History

Objectives and Frameworks: Students will point out the American Flag and Arkansas State Flag, sing the Star Spangled Banner, recite the Pledge of Allegiance, go on a scavenger hunt to look for a pine tree, listen and look for a mockingbird, and color a picture of one of the Arkansas state symbols.

Standard: C.1.K.3 Recognize state and national symbols and patriotic songs:

- American flag
- Star Spangled Banner*
- Recitation of Pledge of Allegiance
- Arkansas flag
- Apple Blossom
- Honey Bee
- Mockingbird
- Pine Tree
- Diana fritillary (butterfly)

Materials:

- Printed activity sheet (with Arkansas symbols and fun facts)
- Coloring pages (Mockingbird and Honeybee)
- Colored pencils or crayons
- Link to Star-Spangled Banner video
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PWMY7Rpk5Bo>)
- Printed copy of the Pledge of Allegiance
- Camera or phone (for the pine tree picture activity)

Time: Self-Paced 30-40 minutes

Introduce and demonstrate skill/strategy/content:

Student(s) are to point out the American flag and the Arkansas state flag. The adult will play the Star-Spangled Banner video, and everyone will sing along with the video. They will then recite the Pledge of Allegiance while standing tall with their right hand over their hearts.

Describe guided practice:

The adult will ask the children to point to the Arkansas State Flag and then the American Flag. They will discuss fun facts about the American Flag, Arkansas State Flag, and Arkansas symbols:

- The [Arkansas flag](#) represents our state.
- The [American flag](#) represents our country.
- The [honeybee](#) helps plants grow by pollination and is our state insect.
- The [mockingbird](#) is our state bird and is known for mimicking sounds.
- The [pine tree](#) is commonly found in Arkansas forests and is our state tree.
- The [Diana fritillary](#) is the official butterfly of Arkansas

Review/independent practice:

Pine tree scavenger hunt and picture

- The child will be asked to look around campus for a pine tree; once they find one, they are encouraged to take a picture with one.

Mockingbird watch

- They are encouraged to listen and look for a mockingbird while exploring campus.
- Draw one of the state symbols.

Formative Assessment/Summative Assessment:

Formative: Observe student participation at the flag. (Pointing at flags, singing, and reciting the pledge.)

Modifications/Accommodations:

For students needing help, I have attached a picture of the Pledge of Allegiance. For advanced students, encourage them to sing the Star Spangled Banner without the YouTube video.

Adult/Child Activity K-2

Welcome! I see that you made it to the flagpole. During this activity, you are going to be pointing out the American and Arkansas State flags, singing the Star-Spangled Banner, reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, and identifying the Arkansas state symbols. I hope you enjoy this fun activity!

Can you point to the Arkansas State Flag? Now, how about the American flag? Good job! Let's sing the Star Spangled Banner. Here is a [link](#) that will take you to a video of the song. Can you say the [Pledge of Allegiance](#) by yourself? Remember to stand as you are able and place your right hand over your heart.

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Now, can you look around and try to find a pine tree? Once you do, take a picture with it.

While you are out looking around the campus, keep an eye out for our state bird!

Ask child:

What is our state bird?

What insect helps flowers grow?

What tree is common in Arkansas?