Wreaths Across America
Lesson Plan

Teacher: [Teacher Name]
Date: Month of April
Grade: Kindergarten
Lesson: The Month of the Military Child; “Find a Way to Serve” - Recognize & Celebrate the Military Child

OBJECTIVES: NCSSS 1. CULTURE
Through the study of culture and cultural diversity, learners understand how human beings create, learn, share, and adapt to culture, and appreciate the role of culture in shaping their lives and society, as well the lives and societies of others. 4. INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT AND IDENTITY
Personal identity is shaped by family, peers, culture, and institutional influences. Through this theme, students examine the factors that influence an individual’s personal identity, development, and actions.

STRATEGIES:

- Drawing/Coloring
- Writing
- Think/Pair/Share
- Collaboration
- Discussion
- Small Groups
- Large Group

Before conducting this lesson, make sure you are aware of students who may have parents deployed in the Military, or who may be Gold Star Children.

MATERIALS:

- Computer/laptop; internet (with access to YouTube); Smart Board; copies of the Month of the Military Child Work Sheet; copies of Coloring Sheet with Thank You Note; copies of vocabulary practice sheet

Engage: Hook the students
Think/Pair/Share Activity - Pair the students with a partner. Explain the T/P/S directions. The students will think of their answer, get with their partner and share their answer.

T/P/S Question: Who is your favorite superhero?
Play the video “Hero Mom” Melinda Hardin, Author; Bryan Langdo, Illustrator; https://youtu.be/GcH3voFlCsg?t=10
What is a hero? According to the author, does a person need superpowers to be a superhero?

Explore: Students make sense of a concept through observations.

Play the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library Celebrity Story Time Reading of “Night Catch”, Brenda Ehrmantraut, Author; Vicki Wehrman, Illustrator; read by Sergeant Major Adam Smith; https://youtu.be/nVWXMXI0rv0
What does the word sacrifice mean? What sacrifices do Veterans make when they are serving our country? What sacrifices do their families make?
Read the Month of the Military Child Work Sheet

Explain: Teacher introduces formal vocabulary and language to students.

- freedom
- sacrifice
- honor
- April
- month
- child
- Dandelion
- military

Elaborate: Students apply what they have learned.

Students should complete the Month of the Military Child Work Sheet;
Students should complete the Coloring/Thank You Sheet;
Students should complete the Vocabulary Practice Worksheet;
Discuss a creative way to celebrate The Month of the Military Child

Evaluate: assessment.

Month of the Military Child Worksheet, Vocabulary Practice Worksheet;
Coloring Sheet with Thank You Note

Enrichment/Service-Learning Project

Involve students in coming up with ways to celebrate the Month of the Military Child. In April, make posters and signs celebrating military children, place them up around the school.
Wear Purple on Fridays throughout the month of April.
Hold a school assembly, inviting the parents of military children to the assembly. Recognize each parent and their child, give them a special certificate or letters thanking the parent and the child for their sacrifices. Purple Up!!! On April 15th, celebrating all military children!

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April is the Month of the Military Child  
Purple is the color used to celebrate Military Children!

-purple-purple-purple-purple-  

Color the circle purple.

Purple Up! For Military Kids Day is on April 15th of each year!  
Circle the word **April** and the number **15** from the lists below.

January February March April May June July August September October November December  

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20

The Dandelion is the flower of the Military Child. Dandelions can grant wishes and grow wherever the wind takes them! Draw a picture of a dandelion in the box, look for dandelions when you go outside for recess! Don’t forget to make a wish!

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Color the picture and write a note of thanks to a Military Child for their sacrifices!

Thank you for the many sacrifices your family makes to protect me!

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### Month of the Military Child
### Vocabulary Practice Worksheet

- **April**
- **April**
- **April**

- **Month**
- **Month**
- **Month**

- **Child**
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- **Child**
- **Child**

- **Dandelion**
- **Dandelion**
- **Dandelion**

- **Freedom**
- **Freedom**
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- **Sacrifice**
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- **Honor**
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- **Honor**

- **Military**

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