Patriot Day Lesson Plan
Kindergarten
September 11, 2001—We Will Never Forget
### OBJECTIVES:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.K.10</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Actively engage in group reading activities with purpose and understanding.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### STRATEGIES:
- Drawing/Coloring
- Writing
- Think/Pair/Share
- Collaboration
- Small Groups
- Large Group

### MATERIALS:
- Computer/laptop; internet (with access to YouTube); Smart Board; Copies of the Patriot Day Flip Book; Copies of the Police Officer, Firefighter, Medical Workers, and Armed Forces Thank You letters

### Engage: Hook the students

Explain to students that **Patriot Day** is a US holiday that honors and remembers those who died as a result of terrorist attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001. The day also honors the many First Responders, including police officers, firefighters, and medics, who rushed into the Twin Towers and the Pentagon to help those who were inside the buildings at the time of the attacks. It was a very sad day for the United States, as many people died or were injured. Many people refer to **Patriot Day** as 9/11 or September 11.

The attacks happened in the morning hours when many children were in school. The President of the United States was in a reading class with students at Emma E. Booker Elementary School in Sarasota, Florida at the time of the first attack. The book we will listen today, was written by students who were in the first grade on September 11, 2001.

Play the Read Aloud Book **September 12th We Knew Everything Would be All Right**, Written and Illustrated by First Grade Students of H. Byron Masterson Elementary in Kennett, MO [https://youtu.be/KSA4JRPxlyc](https://youtu.be/KSA4JRPxlyc)

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: How did the first-grade students know that everything was going to be okay on September 12th? Who were the everyday heroes that helped the students through this difficult time? How can you be an everyday hero?

### Explore: Students make sense of a concept through observations.

Students will complete a flip book about heroes who worked so hard after 9/11, including police officers, firefighters, medical workers, and members of the armed forces in honor of Patriot Day. Students will write thank you letters to police officers, firefighters, medical workers, and members of the armed forces in honor of Patriot Day.

### Explain: Teacher introduces formal vocabulary.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Patriot Day</th>
<th>heroes</th>
<th>Pentagon</th>
<th>community</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Twin Towers</td>
<td>First Responders</td>
<td>brave</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Elaborate: Students apply what they have learned.

Students will learn about heroes in their communities by completing their Patriot Day flip book and writing thank you letters to those who serve their communities.

### Evaluate: assessment.

Teachers should choose which activities to use as formal/informal assessments.

### Enrichment/Service-Learning Project

Students will write Thank You letters to First Responders and Armed Forces who live in their communities.

Remember-Honor-Teach
My Patriot Day Flip Book

September 11, 2001,
We Will Not Forget

Remember-Honor-Teach
Patriot Day is observed on September 11. We remember those who died. We also honor those heroes who worked so hard to save them.

What is a Hero?
A hero is a person who is brave and helps others.

Police officers protect and serve our communities. Police Officers are heroes.
Heroes come into our lives when we need them most. Fighting fires and saving people is dangerous. Firefighters are heroes!

Remember-Honor-Teach
Medical workers like paramedics, nurses and doctors worked around the clock and saved many lives on September 11, and during Covid. Medical Workers are heroes.

Remember-Honor-Teach
Members of our Armed Forces protect our freedoms and our country! They are heroes!

Remember-Honor-Teach
Thank You Police Officers for the work you do every day.

You are a real hero!

Your Friend,
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Teacher:</th>
<th>Date:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Grade:</th>
<th>Lesson:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Kindergarten</td>
<td>September 11, Patriot Day</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Remember - Honor - Teach

Thank You

Firefighters

for the

work you

do every

day.

You are a

real hero!

Your Friend,
Thank you, Medical Workers, for working so hard every day to keep us healthy!

You are a real hero!

Your friend,

__________________________

Remember-Honor-Teach
# Wreaths Across America

## Lesson Plan

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Teacher:</th>
<th>Date:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Grade: Kindergarten</td>
<td>Lesson: September 11, Patriot Day</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

---

**Thank You**

members of the Armed Forces for the work you do every day.

---

You are a real hero!

---

Your Friend,

---

Remember-Honor-Teach