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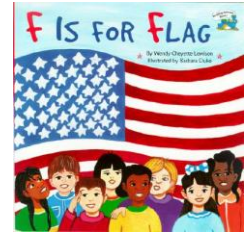
Book: F is for Flag

Author: Wendy Cheyette Lewison

Ages: 3-8

Lesson:

1. Begin by showing the students the cover of the book. Then read the title of the book to the children. Have the students infer what the book might be about based on the cover and title.
2. Begin reading the story, pausing throughout to ask the following questions:
 - a. In the story it talks about being one great big family, what do you think that means?
 - b. What does it mean to be a good American?
 - c. What are things you do to show you are a good American?
 - d. What are things all of us can do to show we are good Americans?
3. After reading the story, ask the students to identify other symbols of patriotism in our country.



Activities:

1. Have the students create their own patriotic alphabet book...each student can create a page for one letter. This would be a great project for older youth to share with younger youth once finished.
2. Have the students think of their desk space as their country. Challenge them to create a flag special to their 'country.' Have the students share their designs with the class, explaining the colors and designs they selected.
3. Challenge the students to identify as many places as possible where we see the flag being displayed. Then, talk to the youth about proper flag etiquette and how we show respect for the flag.
4. Have the students create banners or posters encouraging unity among everyone. This is a great way to lead into a discussion on diversity in America.

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