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## What Patriotism Means to Me

Patriotism to me means to honor our country. This can be done several ways. It can be done by standing with my class every morning saying the Pledge of Allegiance, honoring our United States flag, respecting our wonderful veterans, and celebrating the many holidays we have to honor our veterans.

Standing with my class every day saying the words of the Pledge of Allegiance is a wonderful thing and I believe every school should do this. When saying the Pledge of Allegiance you put your right hand on your heart and recite those words of praise and respect for our country. This is an easy and simple thing to do for anyone to be able to show their patriotism.

Honoring our United States flag is something everyone should do. The reason for this is because our courageous patriots have fought and died for our great American flag. Again, this can be done very easily by standing in front of our country's flag and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and standing for the National Anthem.

Respecting our brave and wonderful veterans is another way that a person can show patriotism. A military veteran is a person who has served or is serving in the armed forces. When respecting our great veterans, you can just go up to them and tell them "Thank you" and shake their hand.

Patriotism can also be shown through the celebration of holidays. There is a special holiday just for our brave veterans that is called "Veterans Day." Every year, my school celebrates Veterans Day by welcoming all the veterans in our small town and providing them with a wonderful brunch. We also have students read speeches honoring them and have younger students sing the National Anthem and other songs and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. It's that easy to honor our great country and show patriotism. I can say emphatically that this is what patriotism means to me.