



First Grade: Civics at Home



Developing enlightened and responsible citizens is a team effort between the home and school. To support student civic learning at home, the following suggestions are designed for students and their families to explore the civic world together.

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RULES & LAWS

- Check out or download books that relate to rules and laws.
- Engage in conversations about rules students follow at home, school, and within the community.
- Reinforce what rules are and why we have them.
- Point out examples of laws in the community as you drive around (e.g., stop signs, traffic lights, speed limits, crosswalks, etc.)
- Identify differences between rules and laws.
- Look at the [U.S. Constitution](#) and [Florida Constitution](#) together and focus on the first three words of each preamble.



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RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS

- Talk about the differences between rights and responsibilities.
- Complete a public service project together.
- Look for examples of responsible citizens.
- Engage in conversations about characteristics of irresponsible citizens.
- Practice responsible ways to make decisions (e.g., voting, taking turns, sharing, listening to other perspectives, etc.).



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PATRIOTISM & SYMBOLS

- Listen to the National Anthem together.
- Discuss times and places you have heard the National Anthem played.
- Recognize the governor of Florida.
- Look for places the national or state motto are displayed ("In God We Trust").
- Learn about the different ways to respect the [American flag](#).

Check out or download books that relate to:

1. George Washington
2. Martin Luther King Jr.
3. Benjamin Franklin
4. Florida
5. The National Anthem
6. The U.S. Flag



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HOLIDAYS & OBSERVANCES

Find small ways to celebrate, honor, and observe the following:

- American Founders Month (SEP)
- Labor Day (SEP)
- Patriot Day (9/11)
- Constitution Day (9/17)
- Celebrate Freedom Week (SEP)
- Hispanic Heritage Month (SEP/OCT)
- Ocoee Remembrance Day (NOV 2)
- Election Day (NOV)
- Victims of Communism Day (11/7)
- Holocaust Education Week (NOV)
- Veterans Day (11/11)
- Thanksgiving Day (NOV)
- Bill of Rights Day (12/15)
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (JAN)
- Black History Month (FEB)
- Women's History Month (MAR)
- Medal of Honor Day (3/25)
- Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day (MAR)
- Pascua Florida Day (4/2)
- Financial Literacy Month (APR)
- Florida Emancipation Day (5/20)
- Armed Forces Week (MAY))
- Memorial Day (MAY)
- Independence Day (7/4)

