

Wreaths Across America

Lesson Plan

Teacher:	Date: Month of April-Month of the Military Child
Grade: Kindergarten	Lesson: The Month of the Military Child; "Find a Way to Serve"-Recognize & Celebrate the Military Child

<p>OBJECTIVES: NCSS 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.</p>		<p>STRATEGIES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing/Coloring <input type="checkbox"/> Writing <input type="checkbox"/> Think/Pair/Share <input type="checkbox"/> Collaboration <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Small Groups <input type="checkbox"/> Large Group <p>*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.</p>	
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/GcH3voFICsq?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 military child Dandelion
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 15 th , celebrating all military children!	

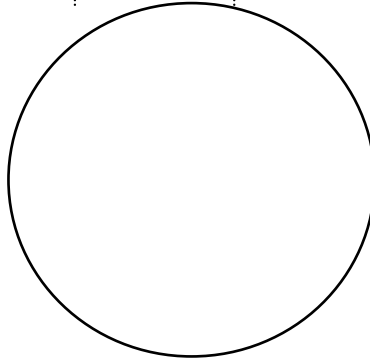
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April is the Month of the Military Child
Purple is the color used to celebrate Military Children!

purple purple purple purple

Color the circle purple.

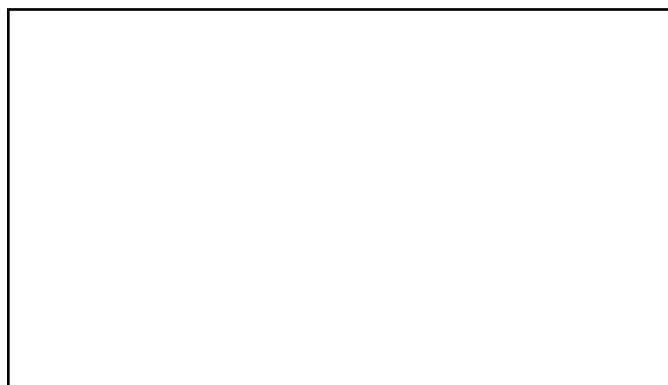
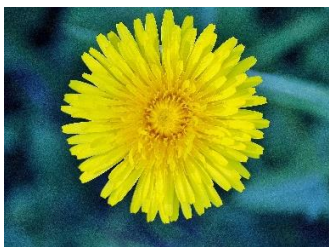


Purple Up! For Military Kids Day is on April 15th of each year!
Circle the word **April** and the number **15** from the lists below.

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

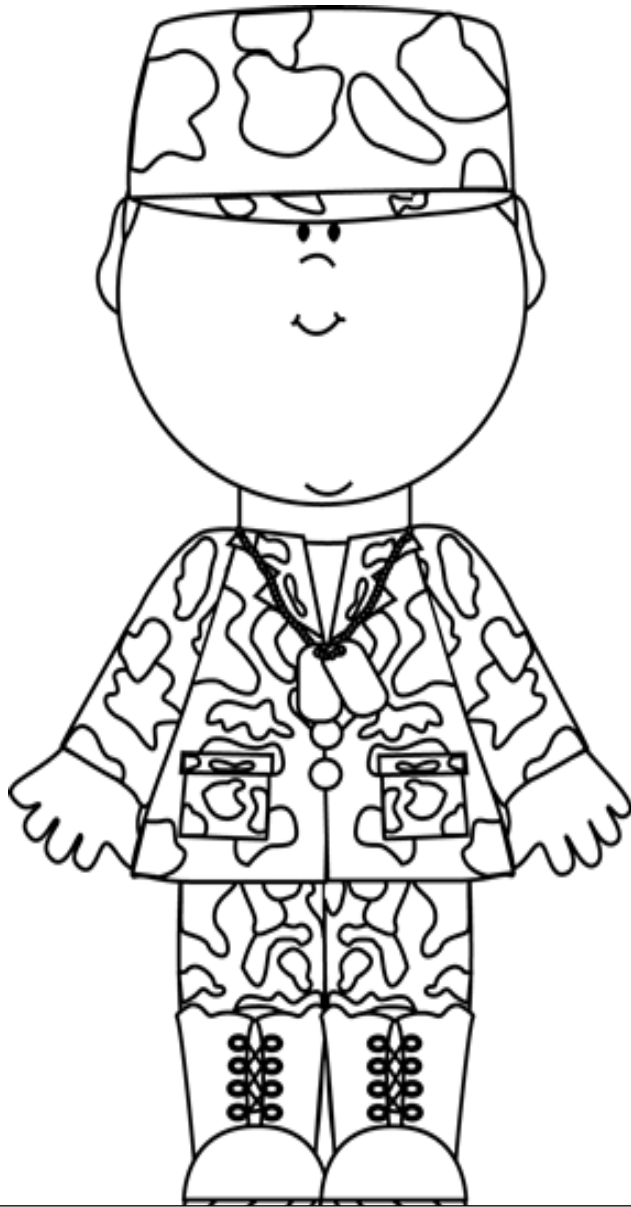
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The Dandelion is the flower of the Military Child. Dandelions can grant wishes and grow wherever the wind takes them! Draw a picture of a dandelion in the box, look for dandelions when you go outside for recess! Don't forget to make a wish!



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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
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Student Name _____

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

April April April

month month month

child child child child

Dandelion Dandelion

freedom freedom

sacrifice sacrifice

honor honor honor

military military