

# Opening flag ceremony by 5th grade Cub/Girl Scouts

## 🎵 01 Reveille

★ 1                     Ava (English), Alvaro (Spanish)                    :

Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and our National Anthem [wait for standing] Ready, Pledge (lead in English and Spanish)

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

*Prometo lealtad a la bandera de los Estados Unidos de América ya la República que representa, una nación bajo Dios, indivisible, con libertad y justicia para todos.*

And now for the Texas Flag

Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.

*Honra la bandera de Texas; Te juro lealtad, Texas, un estado bajo Dios, uno e indivisible.*

## 🎵 02 5th Grade- Star Spangled Banner

★ 2 Sullivan:

These words are inscribed on the Korean War Memorial in Washington, D.C.: “Our nation honors her sons and daughters who answered the call to defend a country they never knew and a people they never met.”

\*pause\*

In his Address Broadcast to the Armed Forces on April 17, 1945,

President Harry S. Truman said:

“Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America will never forget their sacrifices.”

## 🎵 03 Kinder- Grand Old Flag

★ 3 Jake:

We Owe Them a Lot

By Joanna Fuchs (Fee-ooks)

On Veterans Day we remember again  
Our men and women who served;  
We honor them now for what they did then:  
The liberties they preserved.  
Let's never forget their sacrifice,  
The hard, heavy work they have done;  
They did what was asked, crucial needs they fulfilled,  
With a telephone, pencil or gun.  
We're happy and proud to honor them;  
They gave so much more than they got.  
Our heroes, our veterans kept freedom safe;  
All of us owe them a lot.

[after “Grand Old Flag” and “We Owe Them A lot”]

★ 4 Ember :

A Nation's Strength By William Ralph Emerson

What makes a nation's pillars high  
And its foundations strong?  
What makes it mighty to defy  
The foes that round it throng?  
It is not gold. Its kingdoms grand  
Go down in battle shock;  
Its shafts are laid on sinking sand,  
Not on abiding rock.  
Is it the sword? Ask the red dust  
Of empires passed away;  
The blood has turned their stones to rust,  
Their glory to decay.  
And is it pride? Ah, that bright crown  
Has seemed to nations sweet;  
But God has struck its luster down  
In ashes at his feet.  
Not gold but only people can make  
A nation great and strong;  
People who for truth and honor's sake  
Stand fast and suffer long.  
Brave people who work while others sleep,  
Who dare while others fly...  
They build a nation's pillars deep  
And lift them to the sky.

# ♩ 04 1st Grade- Stars and Stripes Forever

★5 Cecilia :

Fall In! by Amos Russel Wells

Who shall march with the veteran band,  
These who saved a united land,  
These our heroes humble and grand,  
Who shall march with the soldiers?

You, the boys who will soon be men.  
Soldier duties will yours be then.  
Fighting wrong in its darkest den,—  
Fall in, and march with the soldiers!

You, the mothers of days to be,  
You in whose hand is the future's key.  
You who will train the brave and the free,  
Fall in, and march with the soldiers!

You, the makers of worthy laws.  
Bold to lead in a righteous cause.  
Deaf to falsehood and vain applause,  
Fall in, and march with the soldiers!

You, the workers whose steady toil  
Wrenches wealth from the mine and soil,  
Victors who gather a bloodless spoil.  
Fall in, and march with the soldiers!

You, all teachers of truth and right,  
You, all preachers of love and light,  
All who are fighting the people's fight,  
Fall in, and march with the soldiers!

[After “Stars and Stripes Forever” and “Fall In”]

★ 6 Madden:

Not to Keep, by Robert Frost

They sent him back to her. The letter came  
Saying... and she could have him. And before  
She could be sure there was no hidden ill  
Under the formal writing, he was in her sight—  
Living.— They gave him back to her alive—  
How else? They are not known to send the dead—  
And not disfigured visibly. His face?—  
His hands? She had to look—to ask,  
“What was it, dear?” And she had given all  
And still she had all—they had—they the lucky!  
Wasn’t she glad now? Everything seemed won,  
And all the rest for them permissible ease.  
She had to ask, “What was it, dear?”  
“Enough,  
Yet not enough. A bullet through and through,  
High in the breast. Nothing but what good care  
And medicine and rest—and you a week,  
Can cure me of to go again.” The same  
Grim giving to do over for them both.  
She dared no more than ask him with her eyes  
How was it with him for a second trial.  
And with his eyes he asked her not to ask.  
They had given him back to her, but not to keep.

★ 7 Lucy H.:

## Veteran's Day, A Poem by Cheryl Dyson

On Veterans Day we honor all,  
Who answered to a service call.  
Soldiers young, and soldiers old,  
Fought for freedom, brave and bold.  
Some have lived, while others died,  
And all of them deserve our pride.  
We're proud of all the soldiers who,  
Kept thinking of red, white and blue.  
They fought for us and all our rights,  
They fought through many days and nights.  
And though we may not know each name,  
We thank ALL veterans just the same.

🎵 **05 2nd Grade- America the Beautiful**

★ **06 Salute to the Armed Forces**

★ **07 3rd Grade- Mighty United**

★ **3rd Grade Letters-** Victoria, Aria, Calvin, Cora J., Florence

★ **08 4th Grade- This Land is Your Land**

[after "Veteran's Day" by Cheryl Dyson and 4th Grade]

★ 8 Beckett:

Remarks by President Jimmy Carter at the Arlington National Cemetery,  
November 11, 1978

"We must never forget the consequences of failure to create a world in which peace can become a personal and permanent blessing for all mankind.

...

When we come to honor those who died, we must remember, too, those who were bereaved by the loss of those we knew and loved.

On this day, we also thank those who returned with the memory of war's desolation, some with physical pain which they will always bear. They, perhaps more than others, are determined to build a wiser world.

It's fitting that we praise especially here today no famous men. We come instead to honor those who fought and died without recognition, their names and deeds known only to those who were their fallen comrades, and of course, known to God. So much that is good in this Nation depends on the unknown actions of humble men and women who understand the importance of duty, done without public recognition or the blare of trumpets. The strength of our Nation lies in our willingness to do what we must, each of us each day, wherever may lie our particular duty.

These unknown soldiers best symbolize such acts of quiet courage by ordinary people whose reward is that their Nation and their freedoms remain secure for future generations. They may not have succeeded in achieving the permanent peace they sought. But that does not make their contribution less valuable. They each preserve the dream so that another generation could try again and for our own generation to have a time of respite from war in which to seek a peace that might at last endure."

★ 9 Riley:

In Flanders Fields

[John McCrae](#) - 1872-1918

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.  
We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.  
Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

🎵 **09 5th Grade- Fifty Nifty**

[after “In Flanders Fields” and 5th Grade]

★ 10                      Emme :

We will now hold a moment of silence in honor of the service and sacrifice of veterans throughout the history of the nation.

**\* Moment of Silence \***  
**(5.....4.....3.....2.....1.....)**

K9s for Warriors is a service organization that trains dogs from shelters into service animals and pairs them with veterans experiencing challenges following their service, such as PTSD. As you leave, please consider making a donation to their work using the QR code on the TV. Finally, please stand if you are able and join us as we sing “*God Bless America*” together.

[after *God Bless America*]

## **Closing flag ceremony by 5th grade Cub/Girl Scouts**

★                     Music Teacher                    :

Thank you for joining us today. As you make your way off campus, please feel free to walk down the 5th grade ramp to the main hallway where you can see posters created by students to show thanks to the veterans in their lives. Finally, please send any pictures or videos you are willing to share with Mr. Jurgens or Mr. S for archival purposes. Thank you, and get home safely!