

Constitution Day Lesson First Grade

We Follow School Rules

Main ideas of this lesson:

- Every school has rules to follow that help children learn and work together.
- A rule tells us what we should or should not do.
- Groups often have leaders that help people learn and follow rules.
- Teachers and principals are school leaders.
- It is important for people to obey the rules.
- There are consequences for breaking rules.

Connections to the Constitution:

- We need rules in our country also.
- These rules are called laws.
- Our Constitution is our highest law.
- Our Constitution creates our President who is like the principal of our country.
- Our Constitution creates a Congress that is a group of people who make our laws.

Basic Ideas about the Constitution for first graders:

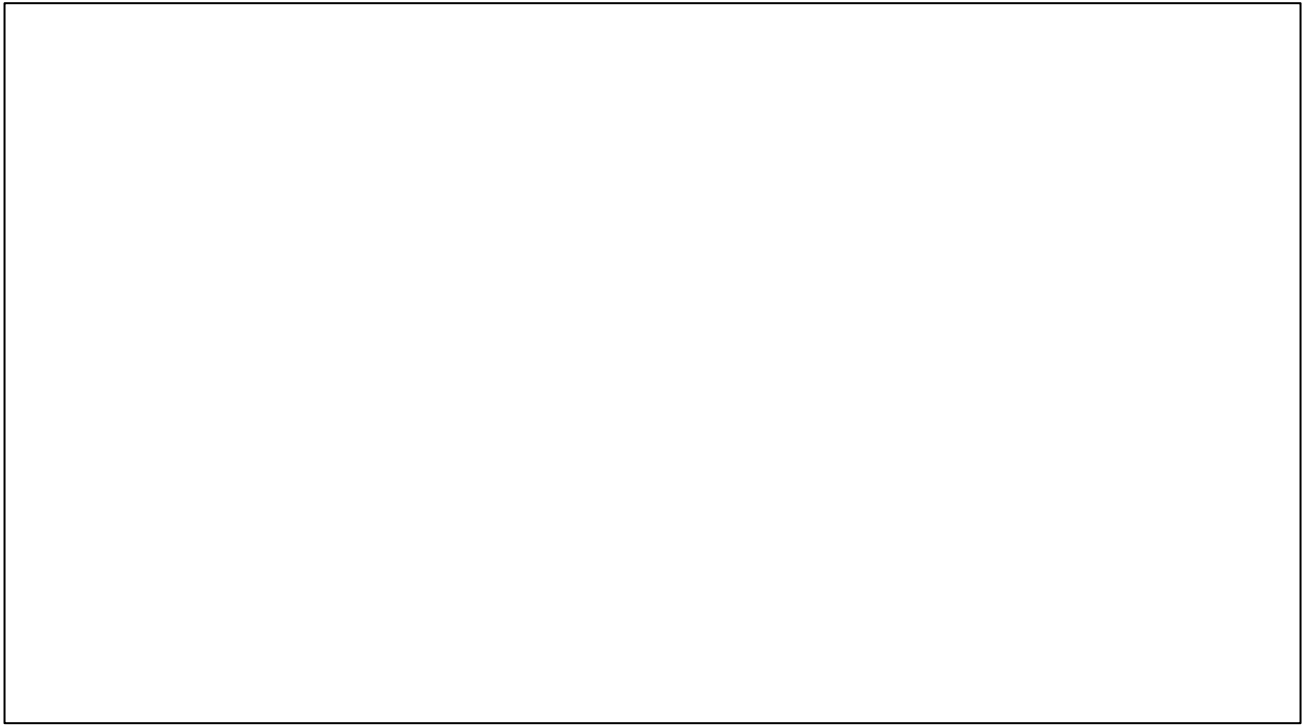
- The law is the set of rules that we live by.
- The Constitution is the highest law. It belongs to the United States. It belongs to all Americans.
- The Constitution says how the government works. It creates the President who leads our country. It creates a group called Congress that makes the laws.
- The Constitution lists some key rights. Rights are things that all people have just because they are alive. By listing the rights, they are made special. They are made safe.
- The Constitution was written over 200 years ago.
- People like George Washington helped write our Constitution. George Washington was also our first President.
- September 17 is the birthday of our Constitution.

Activity: *see attached sheet*

- Guide students in completing the sentence: Our school has **rules**. Then, have students draw their school on the top of the sheet.
- Guide students in completing the sentence: Our country has **laws**. Then, have students color the outline map of the U.S.

Supplemental Activities:

- Make red, white and blue paper chains and decorate your room.
- Discuss other patriotic symbols such as the flag.



Our school has _____.



Our country has _____.
Our highest law is the Constitution.