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**What The Flag Means to Me**

**BY AUDREY RUED**

The Flag is a symbol of Justice
It represents peace and equality
It symbolizes us freedom and liberty
It makes us indivisible
The flag represents our rights
Our flag is a blessing
It flies high above our heads like an eagle
It represents all the hard times that we have been through
It shows bravery and perseverance
Our flag is irreplaceable

**The Beautiful Flag**

**BY, ELLA TITO**

Our beautiful flag
It catches my attention every time I walk by it
Every single time I feel what our soldiers felt
They did EVERYTHING for us and our country
The flag gives off freedom
It reminds us that we are strong and we can do anything
If we mess up we get right back up
We will keep fighting until we can’t anymore
Our flag is everything
The stars represent each of our 50 states
They glimmer like shooting stars
This shows that we have faith for our country
It is like the flag is talking to me with its beautiful colors
We will never give up EVER

**Beautiful Old Glory**

**BY BREANNA RUBINO**

Beautiful old glory
So high in the sky
The flag symbolizes justice and equality for all
We honor all the people who died for our country
Freedom for everyone
Peace all around us
Waving back and forth up above
So proud in our hearts
For this country I feel grateful
Proud to be an American girl
Never a more beautiful symbol
In our hearts

**The Power Of The Flag**

**BY CHIOKE**

The flag I see today is a flag that I love
the red white and blue shine bright through the sky
It’s a beautiful day when I see the flag
Give me liberty or give me Death
If this flag was a person
I would to give it a warm hug
I take passion when I Pledge Allegiance to this beautiful flag
that soldiers fought for
the red white and blue shine so bright in the sky
America deserve to be represented by this beautiful flag
Old Glory
I love this Flag

**When You Look at the American Flag**

**BY HALLE MORRONE**

When you look at the American flag
You see liberty and justice
When you look at the American flag
It reminds you of the bravery the
People went through
When you look at the American flag
I saw that are flag irreplaceable
Because it’s the one thing that keeps us all together
When you look at the American flag
You see hope and bravery and justice for all.
When I was 8 years old, my family went on a summer vacation to a small town about an hour north of New York City called Central Valley.

One night we went downtown for ice cream at the drugstore and were surprised to find the streets empty. When we walked to the firehouse, we saw the dispatcher sitting outside on a chair that was leaning against the building.

“Where is everyone?” I asked.

“Over at the Joneses,” he replied, indicating a house with a tilt of his head. “They just got one of them new television sets. Whole town’s watching Milton Berle.”

The idea of an empty town sparked my imagination, so I wrote an article about it and submitted it to the community newspaper.

How thrilled I was when the story appeared on the front page!

Imagine, then, how thrilled I am years later to be able to make it possible for other students to be published. I hope you enjoy seeing your words (and art) in print as much as I did. And still do.

— LEAH S. DUNAIEF

A message from the publisher

BY HENRY
MINNESAUKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
GRADE 4
Brilliant Birds
BY CATHERINE BUNGER
Brilliant birds,
twirling with the wind,
Shopping for their food,
Eating at nature's restaurant,
Shivering and looking for sweaters,
Traveling to Florida with their friends,
Constructing their homes,
Doing their dance routines,
Waking up and singing us songs,
Brilliant Birds.

America's Treasure
BY SAUL PREIS
as bold as the colors it was made of,
waltzing in the breeze as it sways,
honored with proud patriotic parades,
it guards us and our rights,
standing proud like a mountain,
as strong as a diamond,
hard to look away from,
it's a thought
an emotion
It's Old Glory,
America's treasure,
It's our flag.

Sprouting Spring
BY AURA VALDIVIA
Such a beautiful time of the year
All the animals come out and cheer
They come back from migration
To begin the next generation
You see the squirrels shopping for food
And the birds making nests on the good wood
The flowers are dancing in the sun
Showing off their brightness a ton
The tree leaves begin to grow just as fast as you talk
Making you certain that soon you will go on a spring walk
The weather is so warm like the sunshine
But also has a breeze to remind us of the cold times
The birds are singing a wonderful song
Making all the world want this yearlong!

Our Proud Flag
BY CATHERINE BUNGER
Our proud flag
standing so tall
Waving in the breeze for all to see
The stripes sewed together
Like a united family
The stars shine so brightly
Just like our personalities should
We recite the pledge to show respect
respect for the heroes who fought for our country
When I look at our flag I feel proud
Proud to be part of this country
Proud to have freedom
Proud to be an American
Our proud flag
**The Beauty of Gingerbread**

**BY AURA VALDIVIA**

As colorful as a beautiful rainbow.
As adorable as a set of cute puppy dog eyes
As unique as a wild imagination
So crunchy like Tostitos chips
As smooth as a bird’s feather
Smells like a warm, melted hot chocolate next to a calming fireplace
Tastes like a nice, relaxing cinnamon cake on a calm winter afternoon
A delectable treat to eat with families and friends.
A Gingerbread man is a warm memory to look back to
Have an attitude of pure kindness
They are baked with Joy laughter
This is certainly the beauty of Gingerbread men

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**4TH GRADE**

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**The winner- you see?!**

**BY CHARLIE SEVERIN**

As the ball flew, swishing and swaying closer to me,
I look up to see, pacing like soldiers my rival team!
As time froze slower, and ball froze over,
it felt as if I was predator, and it was prey-
The catch was up to me.
As I darted and dashed, the ball finally caught up,
I flew upward air stiftest as can be-
I caught the ball, falling free!
The score shot up, like a bullet being shot,
we reunited to cheer, to see!
It felt quite godly, our winning spree!
The perfect collison, the kind that you dream!
I was the winner- the winner, you see?!
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Matteo Paulson Age 10
Minesaukie school 4th grade
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Red Stripes, Blue Squares, White stars And Warm Hearts
BY GRACE KOLLMEIER
The flag isn’t just a piece of cloth, it ‘s a symbol
A symbol of justice
So we can all have rights and freedom
A symbol of equality
So we are all important
A symbol of bravery
So we can grieve for the ones we lost,
And cheer for the ones that won
A symbol of glory
So we feel proud
A symbol of peace
So we can all live a calm and peaceful life
A symbol of perseverance
For the times that we thought we wouldn’t make it
A symbol of love
For the country we love
The flag isn’t just a cloth,
It ‘s a symbol of our warm hearts
of justice
of equality
of bravery
of glory
of peace
of perseverance
of love
Love for the amazing country we have

Our Proud Stars and Stripes
BY OLIVIA MOU
When we see the stars and stripes
The flag brings us joy.
It honors the ones who have sacrificed their lives
For us to have the freedom we have today.
The flag symbolizes equality
How we’re all different,
But are all united
The flag shows bravery
It shows the people who have fought
To make the United States possible.
The flag is a symbol of love, freedom, and equality
So we can cherish the brave people
who have lost their lives
For us, for our flag
And our amazing country.

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5TH GRADE

Old Glory
BY CHASE CULVER
With my right hand over my heart
I see the flag ...
wave in the wind for freedom
stand tall for our soldiers
I see the flag ...
raised for bravery
have stars for indivisibility
I see the flag ...
have stripes for the people
fly for hope
I pledge allegiance to my flag!
For the bravery of the soldiers who have fought for my freedom and for my Country!
I see the FLAG!

Old Glory
BY MAVERICK BABIS
When I see Old Glory
Deep down I feel liberty
When I see Old Glory
Deep down I feel Freedom
When I see Old Glory
Deep down I feel Indivisible
When I see Old Glory
Deep down I feel ...
Glorious Maverick