

VETERANS DAY



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For students who:

- are emerging or non-readers
- take alternate assessments
- are in special education
- short-attention span
- lack pre-requisite skills
- benefit from the use of pictures for support

Veterans Day Day Unit

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This unit contains 5 days of instruction, all you need to teach the importance of Veterans Day.

**lesson plan
included**

Quick Look

Day	Activity
1	• Book • Vocab board activity • Circle map • Family activity (send home)
2	• Book • Vocab board activity • Find on calendar • Art project
3	• Book • Vocab board activity • Patterns
4	• Book • Vocab board activity • Writing prompt
5	• Book • Close worksheet • Poppy craft

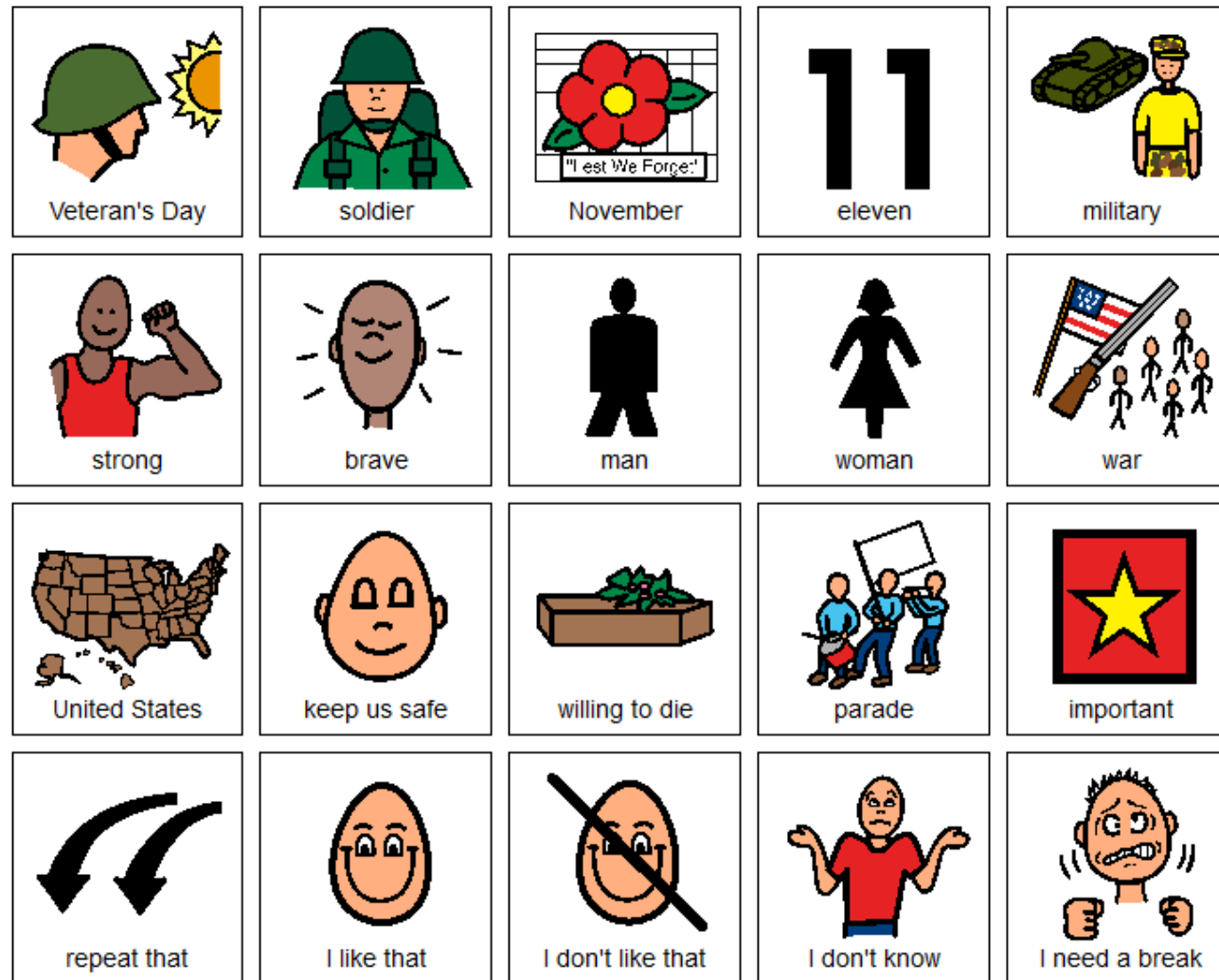
5 days

The lesson plans contain:

- Overall tips for teaching students with significant needs
- A quick look at what you will do each day
- Detailed instructions on how that day's lesson should run

Day 4

Activity	Notes	M
Read or listen to a recording of the book: What is a Veteran? (10 minutes)	• Since this is the <u>first time</u> students are seeing the book, I <u>focus a lot on the pictures</u> ◦ Ask lots of questions about what they might think the pictures mean or may relate to • <u>Make connections between book and vocabulary board</u> (have students find relevant symbols on their boards to go with a concept or photo on page.) • Go through the book <u>twice</u>, once just looking at the photos and a second time reading the story	• Vocab board • Book
Vocabulary <u>Speed matching</u> (15 minutes)	• Place one set of symbols in the middle of the table • Hold up a symbol and see who can find it first • Have the winning then place the symbol on their board	• Vocab board
Family stars (5 minutes)	• Allow students to share any stars that were brought in that day and add to the display	• Stars home
Writing prompt (10 minutes)	• Students complete the writing prompt for Veterans Day ◦ This is an errorless activity	• worksheet • Scissors • Glue
Sharing (10 minutes)	• Each student shares their finished story with the group using the communication method of their choice	• Completed worksheet • Communication devices



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This unit comes with a vocabulary board.

Vocabulary boards are great for ALL students to **assist with participation and engagement** in group discussions.

Tips on how to use in the unit!!



It is an important day to honor and remember those men and women who have protected our country.



While in the military, veterans protect our country.

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2 PowerPoints

- History of Veterans Day
- What is a Veteran?

Available as:

- PowerPoint
- Google Slides
- MP4

3 pages

This slide show is about:

Veterans Day is celebrated on _____.

Veterans Day started as _____, November 11, 1919.

November 11 is the anniversary of the end of _____.

It was very important for the people of the United States to remember what the _____ had sacrificed during WW1.

President _____ changed it from Armistice Day to Veterans Day in 1954.

Veterans Day is a day of celebration with parades with people home from _____ and _____.

We celebrate Veterans Day on _____ regardless of the _____ it falls on.

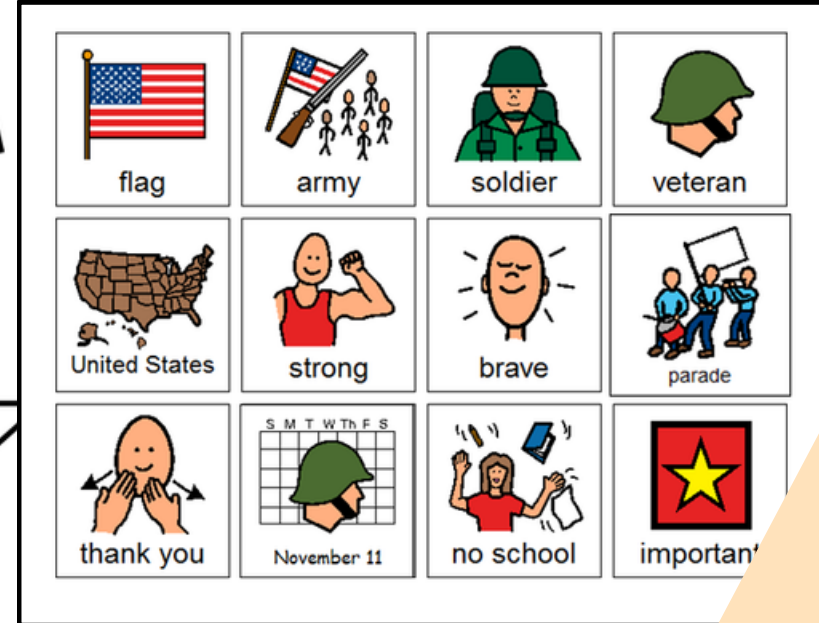
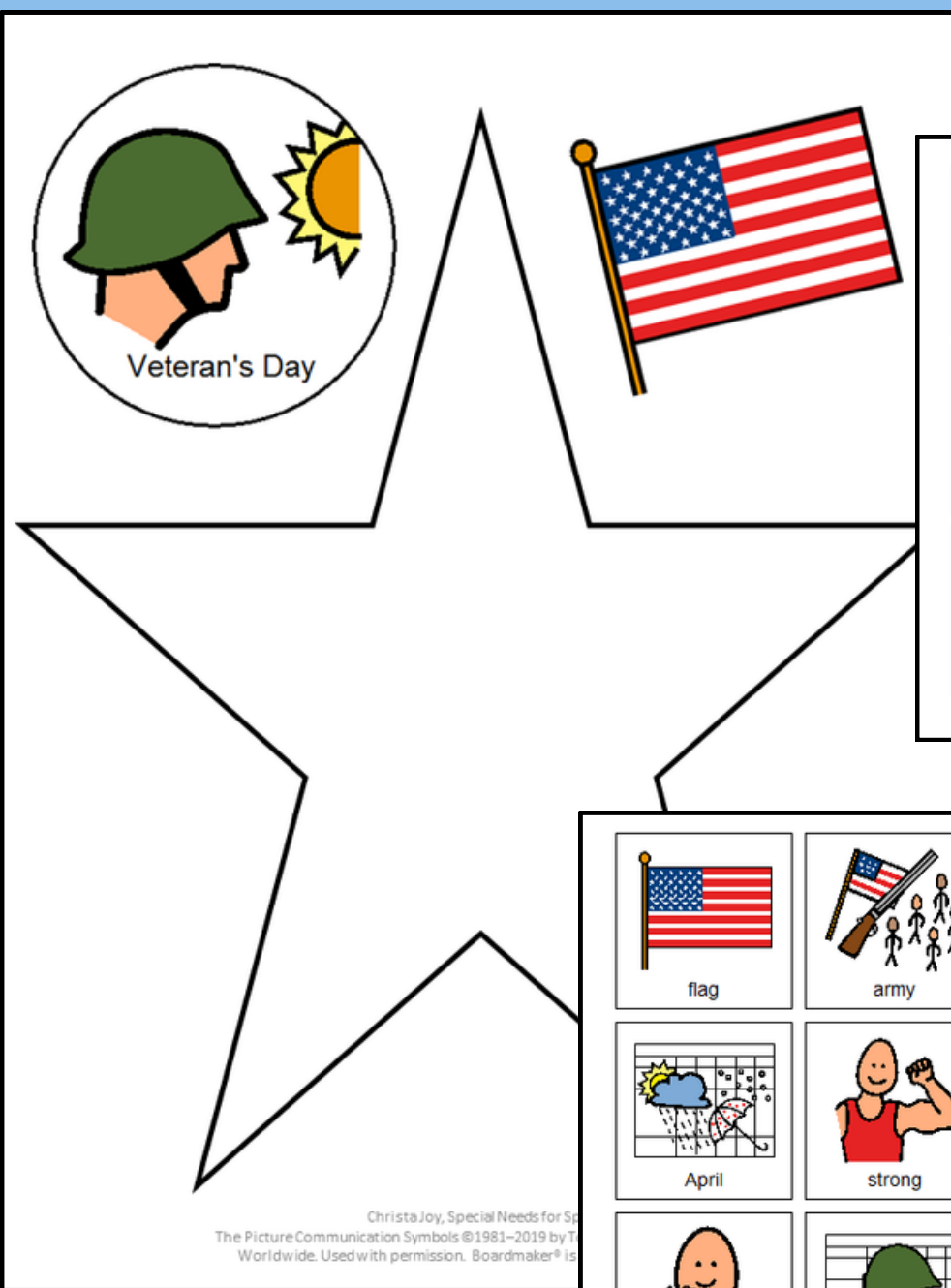
Optional Word Bank

- | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| ☐ World War 1 | ☐ long |
| ☐ patriotism | ☐ soldiers |
| ☐ military | ☐ day of the |
| ☐ Veterans Day | ☐ family |
| ☐ far away | ☐ injured |
| ☐ school | ☐ Eisenhower |
| ☐ sacrifices | ☐ thankful |
| ☐ Armistice Day | ☐ scared |
| ☐ country | ☐ November 11 |
| ☐ brave | ☐ died |
| ☐ November 11 | ☐ country |
| ☐ all | |
| ☐ work | |

There are fill-in-the-blank note pages to go with each PowerPoint.

Answer key included.

ERRORLESS



There is a circle map to review the main facts covered in the book.

There are two versions.

**WRONG ANSWERS
MIXED IN**



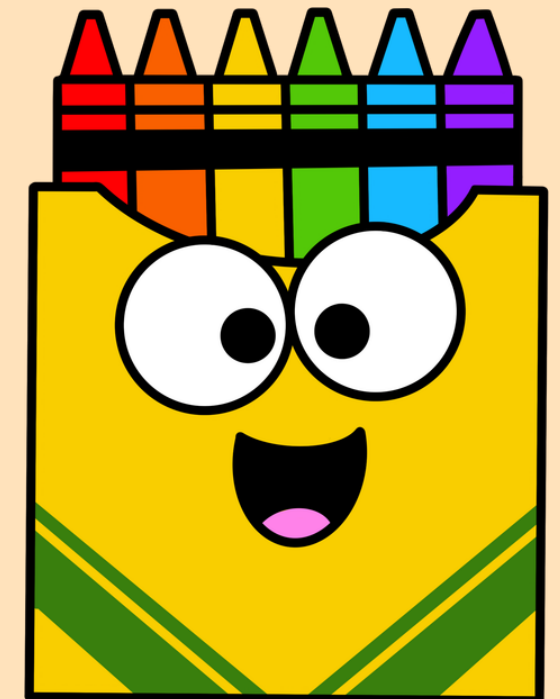
November 11 is Veterans Day. Color in the date on the calendar.

NOVEMBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

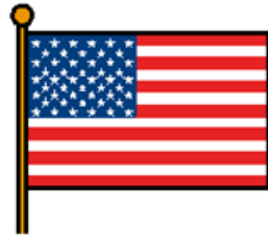
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Students will color the correct date on the calendar. This is updated each year.





Veterans Day Homework



- We are learning about Veterans Day in class. We would like to make a poster honoring all the veterans in each student's family. Please help your child place the following information on each star and return them to school tomorrow:
 - Name of veteran in your family
 - Branch of service
 - Location of service
 - any other pertinent information
- Thanks so much for your help!!

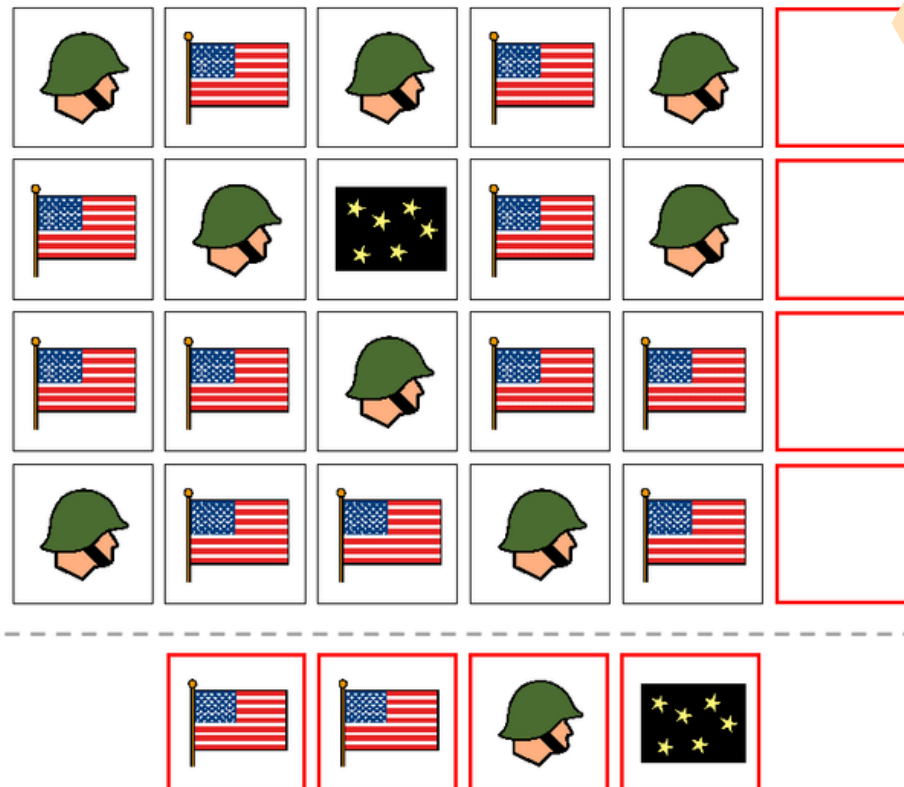


There is a family involvement activity you can send home to learn more about the veterans in your students' families.



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There are two pattern worksheets with symbols from the vocabulary board.

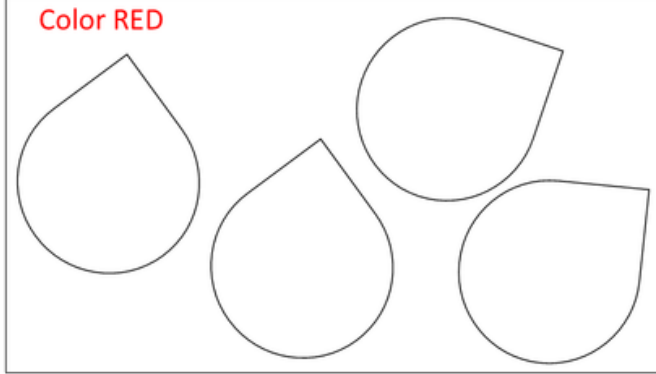


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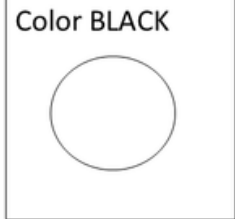
Making poppies

1. Color in shapes according to color
2. Cut apart
3. Assemble into flower
4. Add pipe cleaner for stem

Color RED



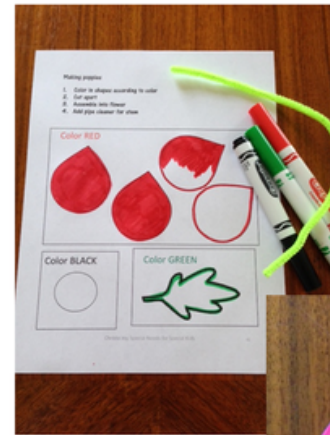
Color BLACK



Color GREEN



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Veterans Day Art Project

- This craft is specifically designed for students with severe disabilities to enable them to complete it as independently as possible.
- This craft also recognizes the fine motor issues many of our students have.
- Teacher preparation
 - Cut out a star from white construction paper
 - Tape star in bottom of a box lid
- Directions
 - Fill a small cup with red paint
 - Have students drop marble into the cup
 - Roll around until marble is sufficiently covered with paint
 - Have teacher remove marble and drop into box lid with star
 - Students move box lid around as marble distributes red paint



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Veterans Day Art Project

- Directions continued
 - Do the same with a cup of blue paint and a new marble
 - Allow to dry
- Differentiation
 - For students that have significant fine motor challenges, use a larger ball like a golf ball or ping pong ball
 - For students who may need more stability for the box, place a mixing bowl upside down as a pivot point for students to use for the box lid

There are two art projects. One requires some cutting, and the other is **perfect for students who may have fine motor issues** or for whom cutting is not an option.



Veterans Day



Veterans Day is on

Veterans are people who served in the

Veterans are soldiers who protected

We have

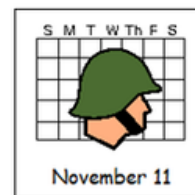
to honor our veterans

Veterans are

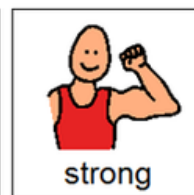
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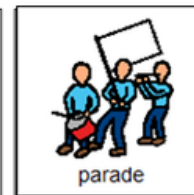
Picture symbols to finish sentences on previous page



November 11



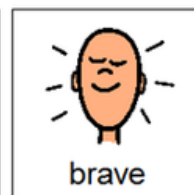
strong



parade



military



brave



United States

Students will complete a fill-in-the-blank activity that serves as the assessment for this unit.

Veterans are Amazing

We should all veterans.

Here are some amazing veterans.



veterans

thank pray for celebrate honor re

A grid of 15 small photographs showing various veterans. The photos include: a soldier saluting, a soldier in a field, a soldier with a dog, a soldier with a family, a soldier in a field, a soldier in a field, a soldier in a field, a soldier in a field, a soldier in a field, a soldier in a field, a soldier in a field, a soldier in a field, a soldier in a field, a soldier in a field, and a soldier in a field.

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There is a writing prompt in which students can share what they feel is important about the holiday, supported by picture choices.

Place the pictures in the circle about Veterans Day.

flag	army	soldier	veteran
United States	strong	brave	parade
thank you	November 11	no school	important

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There are digital activities where students can click and drag answers.

A differentiated set is included.

Veterans Day

Veterans Day is on

Veterans are people who served in the

Veterans are soldiers who protected

We have to honor our veterans

Veterans are and

Use the pictures to finish the sentences about Veterans Day.

November 11	strong	brave
parade	United States	military

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