

Below are the winners of the Essay contest for the 2010 Spring Lake Memorial Day Parade. The students were asked to write an essay about the flag, or being patriotic or what it means to be an American. They were presented an American Flag to carry with them while they ride in the Knights of Columbus train, and then read their essay at the ceremony at the cemetery.



Lydia Miller
2nd Grand at Jeffers Elementary, taught by Mrs Yerke

About The Flag – I respect our flag for what it stands for. Our 50 states are represented by the stars and the stripes represent the beginning 13 colonies. Betsy Ross gave credit to the British, since our country was formed from the British. The British flag has stars, stripes and the colors red, white and blue. I admire our flag because it's ours and it shall always be. Written by Lydia Miller



Sophia Tilton and Rachel Thornley
2nd Grade at St. Mary's School, taught by Mrs. Guzek

The flag makes me want to help others. It means 50 states. The color red is for the flag to be bright and shine, and the color white is for the glory that it gave. I hope you do these things, so here are a few more, it also means to share and to pray of those in war and to help other need of food and water and it also means to love one another and so do these things. Thank our American flag.

Written by Sophia Tilton

America is beautiful because we are free! America is beautiful because of all the green grass and all the tall trees. We are free because the French and Americans battled the people in England. The French and Americans WON! America is beautiful because of the flags. There were two flags. The first had 13 stars to represent the 13 colonies. Then it changed to 50 stars to represent the 50 states. God Bless America! America Rocks!

Written by Rachel Thornley