

Family Newsletter for Unit 4

Government



The Big Idea

What does government mean to you and your family?

- **Content Standard 4.0** Governance establishes structures of power and authority in order to provide order and stability. Civic efficacy requires understanding rights and responsibilities, ethical behavior, and the role of citizens within their community, nation, and world.
- **Content Standard 6.0** Personal development and identity are shaped by factors, including culture, groups, and institutions. Central to this development are exploration, identification, and analysis of how individuals and groups work independently and cooperatively.

Learn About It

In this unit your child will learn:

- about local, state, and national government
- how citizens in our country have rights and responsibilities
- why laws are important
- how leaders are chosen in elections
- about symbols of our state and country

Here is one way you can help your child learn:

Family Activity

A Family Flag Every nation has its own flag. States can have their own flag, too. Why shouldn't families have flags? Working together, design a family flag. Use colors or symbols that reflect what makes your family special.



Technology Check out www.eduplace.com/parents/socsci/ for more information.