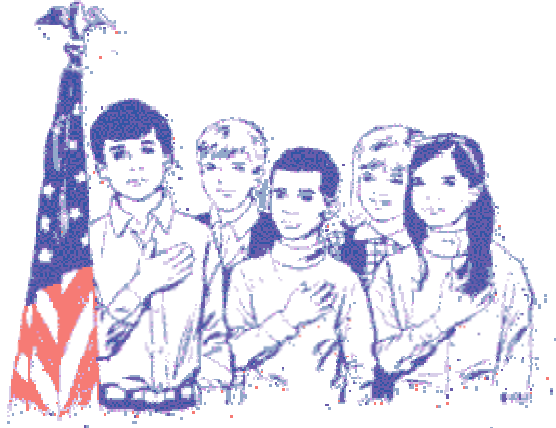


PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

This is our pledge to our country. You hear it often. What does it mean?



"I pledge allegiance"
(I promise to be true)

"to the flag"
(to the symbol of our country)

"of the United States of America"
(each state that has joined to make our country)

"and to the Republic"
*(a republic is a country where the people choose others to make laws for them
-- the government is for the people)*

"for which it stands,"
(the flag means the country)

"one Nation"
(a single country)

"under God,"
(the people believe in a supreme being)

"indivisible,"
(the country cannot be split into parts)

"with liberty and justice"
(with freedom and fairness)

"for all."
(for each person in the country...you and me!)

The pledge says you are promising to be true
to the United States of America!