

## CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES TO COMMEMORATE SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

- Have a moment of silence on September 11.
- Set up a pen pal or e-pal program in your classroom (contact <http://www.epals.com/> for international pen pals).
- If your classroom does not have an American flag, hang one.
- Invite students to express their feelings about the attacks by drawing pictures or writing poems.
- Use arts and puppets to help students express emotions.
- Put together a fundraiser.
- Make posters celebrating heroes including fire fighters, police, airline flight crews, emergency medical personnel, nurses, doctors and volunteers.
- Invite firemen or police officers to classrooms to explain their role in disasters or rescue efforts.
- Hold a town hall meeting in class. Have students brainstorm and research topics as a preparation for moderation discussions about terrorism-related issues.
- Draw a map of the Middle east including national boundaries containing information about terrain, cities, and resources.
- Write a class play. Following research and discussion about the Middle East, have students create a play about life in the Middle East. Present the play to the school.
- Gather oral histories. Talk to parents, grandparents, and others from older generations who have experienced previous national and international crises. Ask them to compare their past experiences to their impressions of the current events surrounding September 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Invite classroom speakers who can tell students about Islam, Middle Eastern politics, Middle Eastern Culture, or terrorism.
- Plant a tree to commemorate life-giving.
- Hold a Disaster or Emergency Preparedness Drill. This can be reassuring and demonstrates that people are working to keep communities safe.