

My Voice In America's Democracy

In America, every citizen has a voice, including me! As a 7th grader, I may not be able to vote yet, but I can still make a difference in my community. I express my voice by participating in school activities, listening to others, and respecting democratic values.

Each school day begins with the Pledge of Allegiance. Reciting those words makes me feel proud, reminding me that I belong to a country that was founded on freedom and equality. I also participate in the yearly Ruby Bridges Walk to School, honoring the bravery of Ruby Bridges, the first Black girl to attend an all-white school in 1960. This event shows me that anyone can make a difference in America with courage and determination. Even a kid!

Being a good citizen means helping others. Every summer, I volunteer at a senior citizen bingo, sorting balls, delivering cards and food, and even entertaining players with magic tricks. Serving others not only makes me feel good but it makes others feel good and makes them smile. When we help others, we make this country a better place for everyone.

I also try to be a good listener and respect the opinions of others. In classroom conversations, I get to hear different viewpoints and that helps me understand the world better. Democracy is about more than just voting; it's about sharing ideas and working together on solutions. Even when I disagree, I know it's important to listen and learn from others. This makes my voice even stronger because it's shaped by different perspectives.

Because I'm practicing listening, I'm also learning to share my opinions respectfully. Whether in school projects or conversations, I share my thoughts clearly and kindly. I know my voice matters, and by speaking up about issues I care about, like bullying, I can inspire others.

In conclusion, my voice in America's democracy is about pride, responsibility, and respect. Through participation in school activities, helping others, and listening to different viewpoints, I contribute my voice to my country. I may be young, but I can make a positive impact today and in the future.