

Voting is Cool | K- 5 Lesson Plan

Topic	Elections and Voting
Objectives	To expose students to the election and voting process. To expose students to election vocabulary. To talk with students about why voting is important.
Vocabulary	Voter Registration, Local Voters' Pamphlet, General Election, Primary Election, Suffrage, District, Council Member, Elect, Law, Representative, Vote, Canvassing Board, Bill of Rights
Materials	Kids Voter Registration Form Kids Voter Registration Card Steps to Voting Crossword Challenge Civic Quiz Word Search Answer Guide Voting is Cool Ballot Voters' Pamphlet Good Citizen Certificate
Suggested Reading	Grace for President By Kelly DiPucchio Duck for President By Doreen Cronin If I ran for President By Catherine Stier Vote! By Eileen Christelow Max for President By Jarrett J. Krosoczka House Mouse, Senate Mouse By Cheryl Shaw Barnes Peter W. Barnes
Lesson Plan Day 1	Read one of the stories listed above to the class. Show students the mock ballot and a Voters' Pamphlet. Ask them if they recognize it. Ask students if they have seen their parents vote.

	<p>Talk about the issues and races on the ballot.</p> <p>Register students using the Kids Voter Registration Form.</p> <p>Make sure the kids fill out the form completely. If not, have the student try again.</p> <p>Give students the Voting is Cool – Steps to Voting. Discuss the answers as a group.</p>
Lesson Plan Day 2	<p>Give students their Kids Voter Registration Card.</p> <p>Split students in to groups supporting the issues on the Voting is Cool Ballot.</p> <p>Students can make campaign posters about the favorite sport, ice cream, food or drink they represent.</p> <p>Give students the Crossword Challenge. Discuss the answers as a group. Reinforce the elections vocabulary.</p>
Lesson Plan Day 3	<p>Students can give campaign speeches about the favorite sport, ice cream, food or drink they represent.</p> <p>Give students the Voting is Cool Word Search. Discuss the vocabulary as a group.</p>
Lesson Plan Day 4 Election Day	<p>Set up a ballot drop box.</p> <p>Students vote on a Voting is Cool ballot.</p> <p>Give students the Civics Quiz. Discuss the answers as a group.</p>
Lesson Plan Day 5 Day after the Election	<p>Tally the classroom elections results.</p> <p>Print and post the statewide election results.</p> <p>Give each student a good citizen certificate.</p>