

GRADE: 3-5 (Lesson 6)

Big Idea: Civic and Political Participation

Standard: SS.3.C.2, SS.4.C.2, SS.5.C.2

It's Ballot Time!

Objectives:

1. The student will use a Kids Voting sample ballot to practice voting.

Materials and Resources needed:

1. Pencil
2. Kids Voting sample ballot
3. Sample ballot

Suggested Teaching Time: (20 minutes)

1. (10 Minutes) Review the Kids Voting sample ballot and/or the sample ballot.
2. (5 Minutes) Demonstration.
3. (5 minutes) Student activity.

Next Generation Benchmarks

1. SS.3.C.2.1 – Identify group and individual actions of citizens that demonstrate civility, cooperation, volunteerism, and other civic virtues.
2. SS.4.C.2.1 –Discuss public issues in Florida that impact the daily lives of its citizens.
3. SS.4.C.2.2 –Identify ways citizens work together to influence government and help solve community and state problems.
4. SS.4.C.2.3 –Explain the importance of public service, voting, and volunteerism.
5. SS.5.C.2.4 –Evaluate the importance of civic responsibilities in American democracy.
6. SS.5.C.2.5 –Identify ways good citizens go beyond basic civic and political responsibilities to improve government and society.

Optional Lesson Enhancement Resources:

<u>Websites</u>	<u>Web Address</u>	<u>Description</u>
1. Leon County Supervisor of Elections	www.leonvotes.org	Information on Leon County Elections
2. Florida Division of Elections	http://election.dos.state.fl.us/voting/voting-info.shtml	Information on Florida Elections



Activity

1. Show the students the Kids Voting sample ballot and/or a sample ballot.
2. Review the candidates and the issues on the ballots.
3. Demonstrate how to fill out the ballot with the students. Possible ways:
 - a. Print out sample ballot
 - b. Use document camera or other technology
4. Remind the students that this is a SAMPLE and that it is **PRACTICE** for when they really vote.
5. **PRACTICE** voting using the sample ballot. Remind students that this is only PRACTICE.