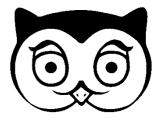


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Election activity notes...



This role-play activity pack is designed to introduce children to the idea of an election, and the decision process involved in voting.

It is completely non-partisan and unrelated to any real-world political parties/views.

- 1. An adult reads out the 'pitch' from each fictitious candidate and then the children are encouraged to discuss anything they might not understand about the proposals, asking the impartial adult for guidance. Let them know that their vote will be secret, but they can talk about it if they wish.
- 2. (A possible extension at this point could be to get the children to think about their own views and the views of others. For example, a child may think they would vote for the second candidate because they dislike painting. However, all their friends may love painting. What is best for the group?)
- 3. Show the children one of the election voting forms and relate the images to the candidates discussed. Show them the process of going to the Polling Station, getting the form, marking an X in just one box, folding the paper in half and putting in the ballot box.
- 4. As the adult removes the forms from the ballot box and announces the votes for each candidate, the tally sheet can be filled in to find the winner!
- 5. (Second possible extension the children can fill in their own tally sheets to count the votes!)

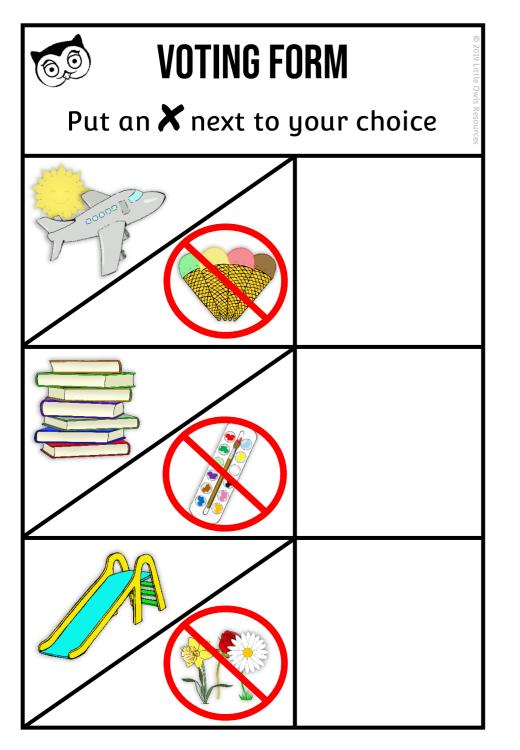
Enjoy this activity with the voters of the future! We hope this helps!

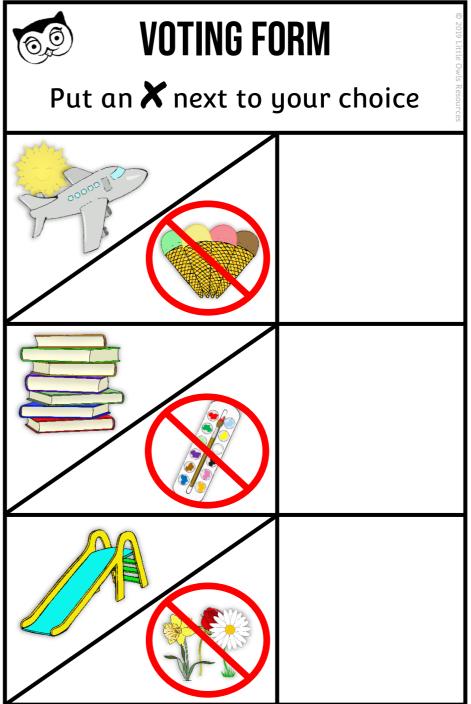
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CANDIDATE 1

"If you choose me there will be more holidays!..."



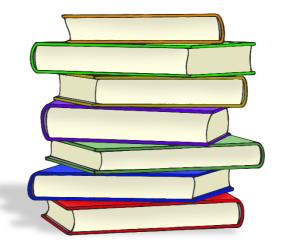
"...but, to be healthier there will be no more ice creams."





CANDIDATE 2

"If you choose me there will be more books!..."



"...but, to save money there will be no more painting."





CANDIDATE 3

"If you choose me there will be more playgrounds!..."



"...but, to make space there will be no flowers."





Candidate	Tally	Total
2		
3		