

Objective

By the end of this lesson, Everett will understand the importance of voting, how elections work, and why everyone's voice matters in a democracy. He will also create his own mock election to experience the voting process firsthand.

Materials and Prep

- Paper and pencils for writing
- Colored markers or crayons
- Post-it notes
- Timer or stopwatch (optional)
- Space to set up a mock voting booth

Before the lesson, prepare a list of fun and relatable topics for the mock election, such as favorite ice cream flavors or best superhero. Make sure to explain to Everett why voting is important in a democracy.

Activities

• Discussion on Voting:

Start by discussing what voting is and why it is important. Ask Everett questions about what he thinks voting means and why people vote. This will help him engage with the topic and express his thoughts.

• Mock Election:

Set up a mock election by having Everett choose a fun topic (like favorite pizza topping). He will create a ballot with options, and then invite family members to vote. This will give him a practical understanding of how elections work.

• Voting Booth Creation:

Using paper and markers, Everett can create a voting booth where people can cast their votes. This will make the experience more realistic and fun!

• Reflection and Discussion:

After the mock election, have a discussion about how it felt to vote and what he learned. This reflection will help solidify his understanding of the voting process.

Talking Points

- "Voting is how we choose our leaders and make decisions that affect our lives."
- "Every vote counts! Even one vote can change the outcome of an election."
- "In a democracy, everyone has a voice, and voting is a way to express that voice."
- "Elections are held to give people a chance to choose who they want to represent them."
- "Creating a ballot is like making a list of choices. You get to pick what you like best!"
- "A voting booth is a private space where people can make their choices without anyone looking."
- "It's important to learn about the candidates and issues before you vote."
- "Voting isn't just for adults; it's good to learn about it now so you can be ready when you can vote!"

- "Discussing your choices with family can help you understand different opinions."
- "Voting is a responsibility. It's our way of having a say in how things are run!"