

Teacher: _____ **Date:** _____

Theme: Voting

Learning Center Activities

Music & Movement:

1. Vote for Me by the Children of Selma
2. November 3rd is Election Day (Tune: London Bridge Is Falling Down)
3. Red, White, Blue (Freeze) – Teacher turning in her own space saying red light, white light, blue light until she says freeze.
4. If You're Going to Vote Today Clap Your Hands (Tune: If You're Happy and You Know It Clap Your Hands)
5. We're Driving to the Voting Poll (Tune: Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush)
6. Cast Your Vote and Drop It In (Tune: London Bridge Is Falling Down)
7. Get Out and Vote for The Best Plan (Tune: Reach Out and Touch Somebody's Hand)
8. Jump and Say Letter Recognition (Teacher holds up letters associated with voting. Child jumps in place; "V is for vote.")
9. People Voting (Tune: Are You Sleeping)
10. Vote for Me (Tune: Are You Sleeping)

Books:

1. Otto Runs For President by Rosemary Wells; Voting vocabulary word recognition.
2. Max for President by Jarrett J. Krosoczka; Voting vocabulary word recognition.
3. The Day Gogo Went to Vote by Elinor Batezat Sisulu
4. Homemade Book: Look for pictures to go along with the story pages. Put them together to make a book.

Math/Manipulative:

1. Cut and paste family read along book
2. Voting memory game; Counting stars.
3. Vote and Tally: Favorite color, food, letters in child's first name, number of family members

Art:

Create American flag. Draw self-portraits on the front of construction paper card for the handprint poem. Red, white and blue art. Decorate voting booth/table. Creative art.

Parent Engagement Events

Goal: To provide opportunities for parents to aid in their child’s discovery about voting by providing them with opportunities for active participation in center activities with their children. To educate parents about child care issues and provide them with opportunities for developing skills that will enable them to become effective advocates for their children. October 5th is the deadline to get people registered for the election.

Get Out The Vote Drive Through Registration – September 22, 2020

- Host a community-wide voter registration drive via the center’s driveway or street if city permits.
- Contact your local city official to get permission to block off the street to your child care center.
- Contact your local radio and television stations to announce which Saturday, date and time frame that the drive through voter registration will happen at your center.
- Get volunteers that are registered voters to assist in getting people registered.
- Have masks and sanitizer on hand.
- Have bottled water available.
- Create **“VOTE for ME” refrigerator magnetic sign.**

Child Care Matters Post Cards For Parents – September 8 – 30, 2020

- Provide post cards to parents to write to family and friends reminding them to register and vote using social distancing standards. (Provide stamped post cards for anyone willing to write at least 3 cards at the center.)
- Show appreciation of parents for being advocates for children.
- Provider take registrations applications to local Circuit Clerk’s Office.

Child Care Matters Cell Phones for Child Care Campaign -September 8 – 30, 2020

- Set up phone tree parent partners in each classroom. (2 parents at each end of the table six feet apart)
- Encourage parents who are not able to come in to make calls from home.
- Set up phone tree for employees to make calls from home.

Child Care Matters Across The State Campaign (Outside Activity) October 24, 2020

- Host a “Child Care Matters” Awareness Campaign.
- Invite the media, parents to share their experiences, and advocate for children, using social distancing safety practices.
- Solicit parents that would be willing to share their story about the ways affordable child care help them to be able to work & the difference it makes in the lives of their children.
- Develop and implement the plan of action.

Parent Promise Campaign – November 2, 2020 (Why vote? The issues)

- Set up voting booths and ballot boxes outside or in a classroom where a parent and child can cast a vote.
- Allow each child to present their parent with the magnetic handprint poem and “I Promise to Vote” sticker.
- Create “**I Promise to Vote**” stickers and allow child to draw a **self-portrait** on the back of the **handprint**.
- Advise parents to take older children with them to vote Tuesday. Provide a treat for the children.

Handprint Poem

**Dear Mom,
I’m giving you my handprint
Because I am so small
To remind you to go “vote for me”
On election day this fall.**

**Your vote is very important
And it counts in so many ways
But most of all it helps you pay
For my meals and child care each day.**