



## Mock Elections

Plan a lesson for your class or center that teaches your students and, therefore, your families about the power of voting through a mock election!

The election should be about something that the children care about like “*What should our snack be?*”, “*What time should we have naptime?*”, “*What should our class mascot be?*”, etc. The election topic should be something that can actually change or implement so that students see the impact of their vote and in turn, tell their families.

A mock election can be done any time between mid-September and Election Day on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018. If you are able to hold it in conjunction with other events that mirror what their parents are doing, for example: National Voter Registration Day, registration deadline, early voting starts, or Election Day, that's even better.

### *Action Steps:*

- Teacher: Select a topic and two options for the mock election and set a date for the election (3 weeks in advance)
- Students: Create signs in support of the two options in the weeks leading up to the election.
- Teacher: Provide templates for the students, depending on the age.
- Students: Create signs to advertise the Election Day! (2 weeks in advance)
- Students: Register to vote. The voter registration card can be the student's name, teacher's name, and favorite color. (1 week in advance)
- Teacher: Create ballots and review the ballots with the students. Ballots should have pictures so that all students can understand the two options and be anonymous.
- Teacher: On Election Day: Create a voting area with dividers that mimic an actual polling site. Use this as an activity to work on counting and have students help count votes and add up the totals.
- Teacher and Parents: Share the election results and activities with IAFC on social media and with families. Make sure that the change the students voted on is implemented.