

The Caramel Apple Election

Lesson Plan Overview

Primary Subjects: Voting, History, Social Studies, Civics

Secondary Subjects: Language Arts, Math

Learning Strategies	Activities	Materials	Evaluations
<p>Discuss the Importance and Purpose of Voting – making your opinions count!</p> <p>Being a Good Citizen means volunteering and participating in the voting and elections process.</p> <p>Identify Voting Procedures & how they have changed, while participating in Caramel Apple mock election.</p> <p>Historically everyone was not allowed to vote. Discuss Obstacles to voting (poll tax, literacy requirements, etc.).</p> <p>Discuss Constitutional Amendments and Voting Laws described in the book to overcome obstacles (19th, 26th).</p> <p>Voter requirements and registration; memorize & transcribe Demographics on Voter Registration Form, discuss how obeying laws is a prerequisite to voting.</p> <p>Accurately Completing Voting Ballots. Describe 1 person-1 vote concept, anonymity when voting, paper vs electronic.</p> <p>Review Age Appropriate Vocabulary and/or Spelling Words chosen from Book (red, green, election, voting, ballot, minority, majority, volunteer, debate, Amendment, etc.).</p> <p>Practice location and observation skills when finding our national bird (eagles); Discuss other state/national symbols.</p> <p>Practice estimating, counting, tallying & graphing; Discuss how many votes to reach a majority in the class or school.</p>	<p>Read The Caramel Apple Election Book</p> <p>Complete Caramel Apple Election Voter Registration Form</p> <p>Count Eagles in Book & discuss national bird and other national and state symbols</p> <p>Bar Graph number of red apples vs number of green apples in book</p> <p>Assign each student a volunteer role in The Caramel Apple Election</p> <p>Enjoy a healthy snack--Apples!</p> <p>Hold Caramel Apple Election in school/class, using Ballots from book</p> <p>Distribute I Voted Stickers from book</p> <p>Tally and graph votes of election; estimate winner</p> <p>Draw a campaign poster & slogan. Include why red or green is your favorite apple</p> <p>Invite city/state officials to discuss voting process; visit poll location</p>	<p>The Caramel Apple Election Book</p> <p>I Voted stickers</p> <p>template in book</p> <p>Voting Ballots template in book</p> <p>Caramel Apple Voter Registration Form Available on website</p> <p>Tally Sheet</p> <p>Bar Graph Sheet</p> <p>Ballot Box</p> <p>Apples and Dip</p> <p>Volunteers</p>	<p>Review Voter Registration Form for accuracy, completeness, penmanship</p> <p>Vocabulary/Spelling Test; Vocab Crossword</p> <p>Review Tally Sheets</p> <p>Review Bar Graph Sheets</p> <p>Age appropriate rubric for campaign picture, slogan, essay.</p> <p>Signature using cursive writing on voter registration form</p> <p>Class Observation</p> <p>*****ALSO*****</p> <p>Contact your state Secretary of State office to see what election materials are offered to complement your Caramel Apple Election</p>