An election year is a great opportunity to talk with children about voting, fairness, and making decisions. Use these activities, crafts, and games to learn about elections, compromise, and math skills like counting, and sorting!

FAMILY RESOURCES & ACTIVITIES

READ TOGETHER
Reading is a great place to start when talking to young children about elections! Try some of these options:

MORE BOOKS!

WATCH & LEARN TOGETHER

How Grownups Vote
Daniel Tiger’s Neighborhood

Vote for the New Mascot
Arthur

In the Neighborhood Voting Booth
Daniel Tiger’s Neighborhood
LET’S VOTE!
Play & Learn Together

LISTEN & LEARN TOGETHER

Kids Podcast “Why Can’t Kids Vote?”

GROWNUPS:
BEFORE YOU LISTEN
READ
How to Talk to Children About Politics

Kids Media Literacy Podcast

Brains on! Universe

4-part series

EXPERIMENT TOGETHER

Try taking a family vote on what movie to watch, what activity to do, what to have for dinner, or what makes the best pet - a monkey or a koala. Discuss the pros and cons of each. Explain that everyone in the family gets one vote. Have your child tally the votes, count them, and then announce the winner (or talk about how to handle a tie-breaker)! It’s a perfect example of using math in real life and navigating how to handle winning and losing.

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PLAY & LEARN TOGETHER

PBS KIDS Game: Peg + Cat and The Election Problem

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