

Voting



**Every voice matters.
Every child matters.**

**And belonging begins
when we know we are heard.** 



What an incredible opportunity to introduce children to democracy, the importance of having a voice, and what it means to be part of something bigger than ourselves.



Voting is about so much more than filling in a circle or choosing a candidate. It is about having a voice, making choices, listening to others, and understanding that our participation matters. And isn't that what we want for our children?



We want them to know that their voices matter. That their thoughts and ideas have value. That they can respectfully disagree, listen to different perspectives, and still belong to the same community.



As early childhood educators, we don't have to wait until children are old enough to vote to begin teaching these lessons. We create opportunities for democracy every day when we invite children to make decisions, share their thinking, solve problems together, and contribute to their classroom community.



**We aren't just teaching children about democracy.
We are giving them opportunities to experience it.**



And let's not forget that voting is a fundamental civil right, or that generational forces worked to secure and protect. Understanding that right, and the responsibilities that come with it, is an important part of learning what it means to participate in a democratic society. What makes this experience so meaningful is the connection between democracy and belonging. When children are invited to participate, when their ideas are valued, and when they know someone is listening, they begin to understand that they are important members of their community.



Because when children learn early on that their voices matter, we are helping lay the foundation for a lifetime of participation, connection, and belonging.

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