

Tips for holding a Wisconsin KidsVote '08 election:

1. Holding the Election

- ✓ The basics of the KidsVote
 - Share a ballot with each of your kids
 - Have your kids vote for their favorite “ticket” of PBS characters (by putting a checkmark or X in *one* box)
 - Email us your group’s results by 11/7/08*
 - Watch Wisconsin Public Television on 11/28/08 to check out the winners!
- ✓ Use a ballot box
 - Print off the ballot box template
 - Glue it to the top of a shoe box, and cut out the slot on top
 - Show your students how to fold their ballots & stick them in the ballot box after voting
 - Include your kids in separating/counting the ballots from the shoebox
- ✓ Use the online ballot
 - Take your students to a computer lab
 - Go to www.wisconsinkidsvote.org
 - Help your students to vote online for one ticket of candidates

2. Expanding the Election

- ✓ Read election-related books with your kids
 - Work with a librarian to find some good books
 - Use the booklist from www.wisconsinkidsvote.org
- ✓ Campaign!
 - Use the candidate description sheet from www.wisconsinkidsvote.org
 - Help your kids make campaign posters or yard signs for their desks by drawing/coloring their favorite character
 - If your students are old enough, help them research the candidates using www.pbskids.org
 - Help your kids characterize each of the candidates by using different types of words to describe them (Are they furry? Talkative? Creative?)
 - Encourage students to tell the group which character is their favorite and why (whether based on their research or their opinion)
- ✓ Work with your school’s library to hold an election with all K-3 classes involved

3. Don’t Forget!

- ✓ Try to explain how these elections compare to real elections
 - Using paper ballots instead of raising hands helps each child to make their own decision
 - It’s important to research candidates to be informed voters
- ✓ It’s not about the competition, it’s about getting involved!

**Email your results to kids@wpt.org; please put “KidsVote” in the subject line so your votes are counted!*