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Parenting Resources

Talking About Voting

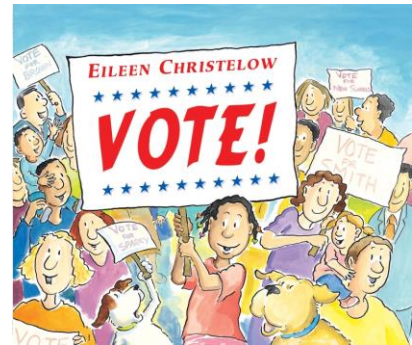
- Even preschoolers are aware of November elections with all the yard signs, political ads and overheard conversations. KidsHealth.org offers some [basic strategies to help adults talk with children about voting and elections](#).
- Voting is all about choices, and Fred Rogers of *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood* was an advocate for encouraging children to make daily decisions. This PBS Parents article stresses how [learning to make good choices](#) boosts a child's confidence while developing an important life skill.
- This [short PBS video explains the voting process](#) from a kid's point of view by showing young Mackenzie's trip to the voting booth with her dad.



The Librarian Recommends...

VOTE! (written and illustrated by Eileen Christelow)

Using a town's mayoral race as a framework, this book leads young readers through the election process, from campaigning to the swearing-in ceremony. The writing is light and civil, with a candidate's dogs providing a humorous running commentary and Christelow's cartoon illustrations keeping the tone positive. --*Susi Parks Grissom is a retired elementary school librarian and counselor.*



STEAM Activities & Games

Create a Family Water Conservation Plan

In the spirit of discussing decisions, [this activity from Cyberchase](#) helps families design a water conservation plan. Involving kids in the choices helps them build math, science and engineering skills while making a positive environmental difference. Available in English and Spanish.



Cyberchase airs on KERA Channel 13 at 6:30 a.m. and on KERA Kids Channel 13.2 at 5:30 a.m. and 6 a.m.

Get Up & Go! Art & Seek Activities for Families

Greet November with Fun Events

This weekend is packed with family fun -- from Dia de los Muertos events to a Festival of Mischief to AURORA's public art spectacular to an open house at a dairy. [Find details in this week's Art & Seek Jr.](#)



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Where in the World...?

Next week's newsletter will dip into cultures from around the world to celebrate a new PBS Kids show, *Let's Go Luna!*, which will launch later this month. The show follows the adventures of three friends – from Australia, Mexico and the U.S. – as they traverse the globe and learn about different regions and customs.



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