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## Campaign Coverage Classroom Connections For Grades K-2

- Have the students look through the paper and cut out pictures of the political candidates. Look in newspaper photos, ads, cartoons, political cartoons, etc.
- Create a classroom bulletin board for these items so the children will have a visual reminder of who the candidates are.
- Make a list of each candidate on a chart. Have a place for the students to place a checkmark by each candidate, every time they see their names or photos in the paper. Make comparisons on which candidates are getting the most and least media coverage.

### Geography connections:

- Keep track on a classroom map of the cities the candidates visit on their campaign trails. Discuss if they are visiting mainly big cities or small towns. Have them explain why they visit the places they do.
- Have a classroom discussion about how they could travel from place to place such as cars because of highways, trains if routes are available, planes if there is an airport, boats if there is a river or ocean nearby, etc.

### Math connections:

- Mark a calendar for November, 4 - Election Day. Each day have the students' count how many days are left until Election Day.
- Use newspaper coverage of the candidates for numerous math activities, including adding, subtracting, place value, number of zeros etc.

### LA connections:

- Study upper and lower case letters by studying names, locations, titles, etc.
- Have students write a brief opinion such as: "I like this candidate because they look friendly in this picture."
- Have students write a short message to each of the candidates, telling them why they like them.

### Classroom discussion:

Allow the students' time to ask questions, discuss viewpoints, talk about who influences their viewpoints, why elections are important, etc.

### Post-election:

Finish with a post-election celebration - all have earned the right to celebrate!

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