

# Cast Your Vote Activity

## Objective:

This activity utilizes shape, color, taste, and symbol recognition as students use decision-making skills to complete a sequence involving identification, independent selection, counting, and listening.

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## Materials:

- Sequence strip (provided)
  - Large snack images (provided)
  - Small snack images (provided)
  - Ballots (provided)
  - Large butcher paper, poster board, or white board
  - Snacks (e.g. popcorn, apples, pretzels, cheese crackers)
  - Crayons or markers
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## Preparation:

1. Print and cut out:
    - a. Sequence strip
    - b. Ballots (1 per person)
    - c. Large snack images
    - d. Small snack images
  2. On a white board, large piece of butcher paper, or poster board mounted to the wall, draw vertical lines dividing four columns: one for each snack on the ballot (e.g. popcorn, apples pretzels, and cheese crackers). Label each column with large snack images.
  3. Gather the four snack options.
  4. Have the sequence strip on hand and refer to it throughout activity.
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## Instructions:

1. Prompt students in a discussion about voting. Engage students by asking what they already know about voting. Explain that voting allows us to voice our opinions and that we can vote for things, people, or laws. Discuss how votes are counted that the most votes wins.
  2. Place the four different snacks in front of the group. Encourage the student, siblings, family members, and/or classmates to taste one snack at a time.
  3. Once all snacks have been tasted, have each person fill out their ballot of their favorite snack.
  4. Collect all completed ballots in a pile at the front of the room.
  5. Use the chart to mark each counted vote. Discuss which snack had the most checks and which had the least. Prompt the group to decide if there's a winner.
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## Considerations:

- Customize the ballot with snacks that are reinforcing to the student. Add additional snack options by taking pictures of a student's favorite snack and attaching them to the ballot.



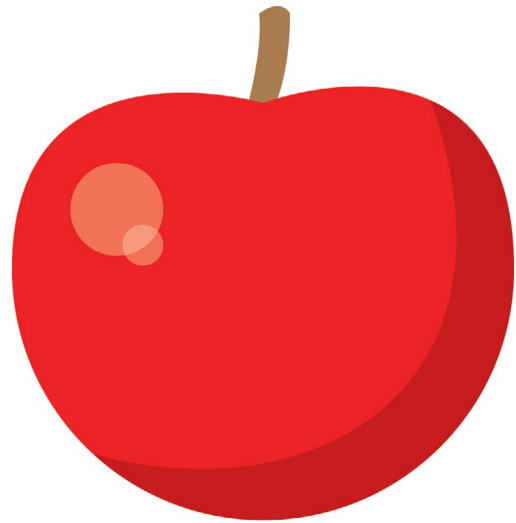
Look at the choices	Decide your favorite	Mark your ballot	Turn in ballot
<p>★ FAVORITE SNACK ★</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/>  Popcorn</li><li><input type="checkbox"/>  Apple</li><li><input type="checkbox"/>  Pretzel</li><li><input type="checkbox"/>  Popsicle</li></ul>	<p>★ FAVORITE SNACK ★</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/>  Popcorn</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  Apple</li><li><input type="checkbox"/>  Pretzel</li><li><input type="checkbox"/>  Popsicle</li></ul>	<p>★ FAVORITE SNACK ★</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/>  Popcorn</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  Apple</li><li><input type="checkbox"/>  Pretzel</li><li><input type="checkbox"/>  Popsicle</li></ul>	 <p>★ VOTE ★</p>



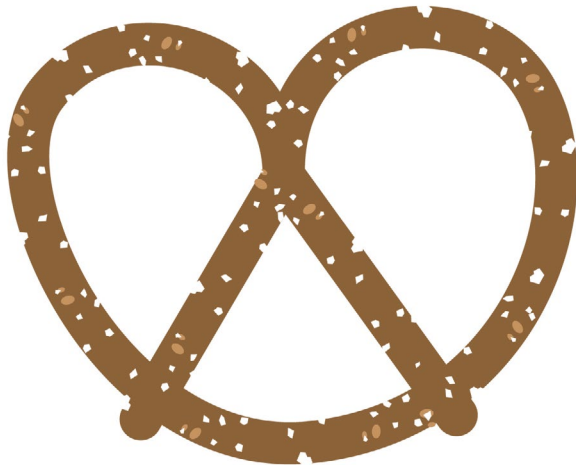
**Popcorn**



**Apples**



**Pretzels**

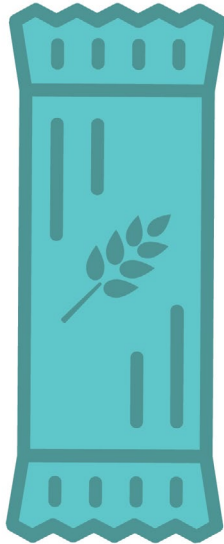


**Cheese cracker**

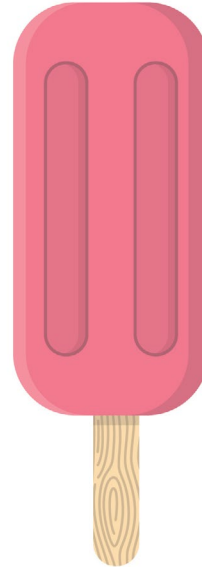




**Granola bar**



**Popsicle**



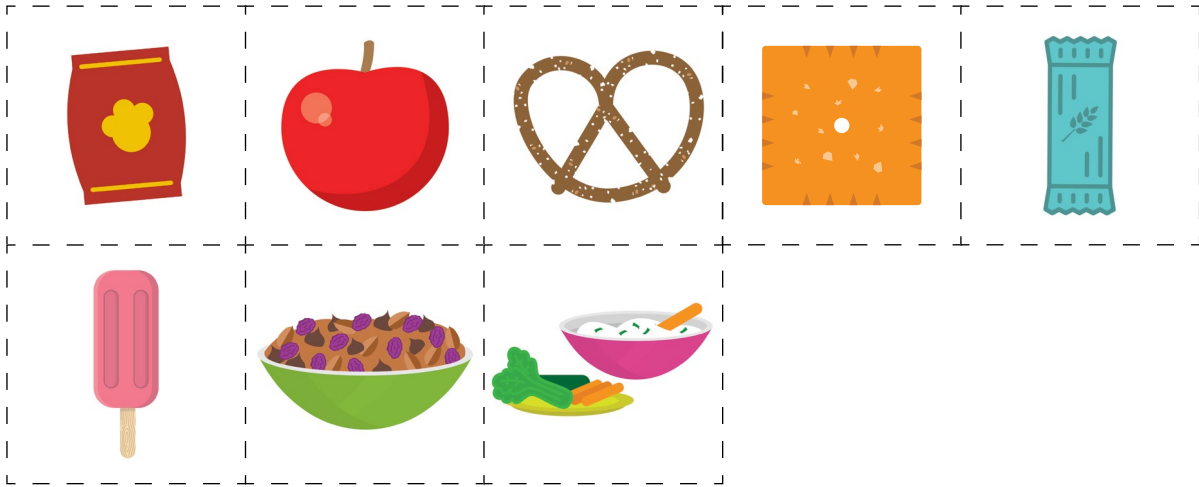
**Trail mix**



**Vegetables and dip**



Small snack images





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