Put It to a Vote

How to do it:

1 Display a message like the one below:

Good Morning, Voters,

Today is voting day! We are going to vote to choose an animal to represent our classroom. Vote once by putting a check mark below one of the animals.

2 Reinforce students’ efforts: “I noticed people helping others read the message. I saw people taking time to think before making a check mark.”

3 Read the message aloud as you point to each word. Then say: “When each person in a group votes, it helps the group make a choice in a fair way. This morning, we voted for one animal to represent our classroom. Let’s count and see which animal got the most votes!”

4 Count the check marks together. Then celebrate the class choice with a simple cheer: “Hooray for dolphins!”

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- Have students vote for which recess game, class pet, or new class job they would prefer.