



POSTCARDS

(20 minutes)

OBJECTIVE

Students prepare postcards to send to their parents or guardians.

MATERIALS

Sheets of cardstock; crayons, markers, paper cutter, scissors

GET READY

- ✓ Prepare “postcards” by cutting sheets of cardstock in half on the paper cutter or with scissors.
- ✓ Gather crayons and markers.
- ✓ Bring in some stamps to show students how often political figures are used. (They may choose to draw a president on their own “stamps” too.)

INSTRUCTIONS

- ✓ Say, *We receive reminders in the mail to visit the dentist or to meet at a restaurant for a birthday treat. Today, you are going to create a reminder about an upcoming election or an issue important to your family.*
- ✓ Have your students draw a picture and write a message about the election or issue on one side of their “postcard.” The message can be as simple as “Vote!” or “Recycle!” or they can write a longer message. Tell them to draw a stamp on the other side, to address it to the recipient of the postcard: “Mom” “Dad” “Tom” etc., and to sign or write their own name as well.
- ✓ Remind students to deliver their postcard when they get home.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- ★ *What are other ways we can send reminders to adults? (Letter, e-mails)*
- ★ *How can we remind other students at our school to vote, recycle, etc.?*
- ★ *How are we helping our town if we deliver our cards and messages?*