Self Expression: Question of the Week

Goal of activity: Children exposed to violence may have difficulty with self-expression and with experiencing a sense of power and control in safe ways. This activity provides a safe way for children to express opinions and experience a sense of power safely in the classroom.

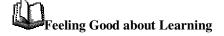
Approximate length of activity: ongoing

Materials: Ballot Boxes, Poster Board, Markers, Name Tags

Instructional Procedures:

- The teacher/aide will post a question of the day in a central area in the classroom.
- The teacher/aide will read the question aloud and describe the voting process.
- O Students will be invited to place their vote (name tag) in a ballot box labeled with a choice of words (ie: green or blue) as well as a picture of possible answers.
- o The teacher/aide will tally the ballots with the students at the end of the week.









KEY POINTS – Anxiety/Overstimulation

Withdrawal from activity

- Allow children to observe others
- Allow children to participate as much or as little as they like

Difficulty making a decision

- O Work one on one to help child consider the
- "Here is a picture of a frog. Is this frog green like this picture or blue like this picture?"
- o Allow child to place more than one vote provide extra name tags.
- o Allow child to change their vote.



LITERACY TIPS

Oral Language

- Encourage children to describe what they see in the answer picture – point out the word that describes the picture. "Let's see what answers we can choose today. What do you see in this picture?
- Expand on one word utterances: How can you tell this is a rabbit? You can tell it's a rabbit because it has fluffy fur, and a pink nose and whiskers."

Phonology

o Model the sound of the week and remind children that the answer will begin with this sound.

Print Knowledge

o Point out that the written word, the picture and the word said aloud are the same thing



Letter of the Week	Question of the Week
A	What kind of fruit is red and grows on trees? Apples
В	What does Miss/Mrdrive? Bus
С	Which animal says "moo"? Cow
D	Which animal starts with a 'D' sound? Dog, Fish, Cat
E	What part of your body helps you hear? Ears, Knees, Mouth
F	What kind of animal is green and hops? Frogs
G	What color are frogs? Green
Н	Did you wear a hat today? Yes or No
I	Ice cream is Cold or Hot? Cold
J	What would you put on a sandwich? Jelly, Soap, Oranges
K	Where do you cook? Kitchen, Bedroom, Bathroom
L	How do you run? Legs, Arms, Ears
M	When do you eat breakfast? Morning, Afternoon, Night
N	How many nickels are in this picture? 9
O	Where is the playground? Inside, Outside
P	Who is wearing pink?
Q	You can ask a question
R	What color is a stop sign? Red, Green, Blue
S	When do flowers grow? Summer, Winter, Fall
T	Which shape has 3 corners/3 sides? Triange, Square, Circle
U	Where is the sky? Up or Down
V	What are green beans, carrots and lettuce?
	Vegetables, Fruit, Meat
W	How do we move in the classroom? Walk or Run
X	What sound can an x make? 'z', 'k', 'd'
Y	What color is a school bus? Red, Blue, Yellow?
Z	What animal is in this picture? Zebra, Bird, Dog