**The Presidential Election in Social Studies**

Dear Families,

On Monday and Tuesday (11/7-11/8), we will be learning about the presidential candidates & issues, as well as holding a mock presidential election. It is my intention to teach your child about these candidates and have them participate in this part of the election process.

The following topics will be covered:

* Background of Hillary Clinton (basics)
* Background of Donald Trump (basics)
* The following issues and the candidates’ stances on these issues: jobs, minimum wage, and trade
* How elections work (brief)
* Their own opinions on some issues (in the form of a survey)

Only age-appropriate content will be utilized. Also, a non-biased approach will be used. There will be no support of any political candidate on my part or on the part of the resources we work with. Students may come into this lesson with their own beliefs, which is what makes our country so great. In order to have an open classroom, I will remind all students that they need to be respectful of the viewpoints of others, whether they agree with those viewpoints or not.

You can find more info on my class website at: <http://thorntonclasswebsite.weebly.com/mock-election-2016.html>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [hthornton2@wcpss.net](mailto:hthornton2@wcpss.net)

Sincerely,

Ms. Thornton

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