CELEBRATE FREEDOM LESSON PLAN
BEING AN INFORMED CITIZEN

Grades 3-6

Learning Objective(s): The student will be able to identify historical figures that have modeled active participation and exemplified good citizenship.

TEKS: Celebrate Freedom Week, Social Studies skills

Materials Needed: www.texaslre.org (Vote for Me! I was first.), student handout

Vocabulary: vote, ballot, citizenship

Teaching Strategy:

1. Teach vocabulary that identifies characteristics of active participation and good citizenship.

2. Discuss and give examples of active participation and good citizenship.

3. Go to www.texaslre.org and then watch the introduction link that tells students about naming an elementary school so that students will understand the need to be an informed voter.

4. Watch each of the 6 clips of Vote for Me! I was the first. (Celebrate Freedom).

5. After watching each clip, have students match the person with the correct characteristics by drawing a line from the star to the scroll or writing the name at the top of the scroll.

6. After viewing all clips, students will have the information to make an informed vote for naming the new elementary school.

7. Using information on each historical figure, allow class to discuss and then vote on the historical figure that exhibited active participation and good citizenship.

8. Go to website and enter class vote. Once entered you will see the statewide voting results.

Extensions:

• Students can research more information about the historical figures mentioned in the grade level TEKS.
• Turn voting into math lesson and discuss percentages in class vote and statewide vote.
CELEBRATE FREEDOM! VOTE FOR ME!

1st President of United States
Helped U.S. become an independent nation
Citizens have a duty to serve their country

Scientist & inventor
Helped negotiate treaties
Signed three major U.S. documents

Equal rights for women
Failure is impossible
1st woman to appear on dollar coin

1st Author of Declaration of Independence
1st Secretary of State of the United States
3rd President of the United States

Proclaimed slaves forever free
16th President of United States
Telling the truth is important

First to sign Declaration of Independence
1st Governor of Massachusetts
Known for patriotism