

DEMOCRACY IS...

Being Informed About Our Country and the World

Living in a democracy means that we help govern ourselves by choosing our leaders. It also means that we can tell our leaders what we would like them to do for us. But how do we know whom to choose? And how do we know what to ask of them?

We have a responsibility to educate ourselves so that we can participate wisely in our government. For example, before voting in an election, we should learn about the candidates and what they stand for. We should also know about the issues that affect people's lives, so we can choose leaders who will work for changes we believe in.

Reading is one of the best ways to become informed. Books, newspapers, magazines, and the Internet provide almost limitless information on a practically endless range of topics. But there are also many other ways to broaden your horizons and deepen your understanding of the world we live in.

THINK ABOUT IT

What issues do you think our elected leaders should work on?

YOUR TURN

Staying informed is fun! Settle down with a book, magazine, or activity packet in our reading area.