

# Mom & Pop Home School

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### Election Notebooking pages - 2

Monday, January 28th, 2008

This week's installment of election notebook pages focuses on the primary season. With "Super-duper Tuesday" coming up, I thought it would be fun to track the winners of each state and the delegate count for each candidate.

You may notice that for some states the Democratic Party has a delegate count of zero. This is not an error. Those states have been stripped of all their convention delegates as a punishment for changing the date of their primary election or caucus in a way that violated Democratic Party rules. So the Democratic Party will not allow those states a voice in choosing the Democratic presidential candidate this year.

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### Links-Preparing to run for president:

- Constitution of the United States: **transcription** and **downloadable images**. Qualifications for president are in Article 2, Section 1, near the top of page 2 of the Constitution.
- Federal Election Commission
- Mitt Romney discusses presidential run with family
- Hillary Clinton invites supporters to a conversation about her candidacy.
- Informal announcement of candidacy by John McCain
- Formal announcement by Barack Obama (If you don't want to watch the whole speech, start at about six minutes in.)
- Mike Huckabee campaign ad

### Primary Election Links:

- NY Times Democratic Primary Calendar
- NY Times Republican Primary Calendar
- CNN "Republican Scorecard" (Good place to get delegate counts and percentage of vote statistics)
- CNN "Democratic Scorecard"

\*Note: CNN's website also has information about Democratic "superdelegates" and Republican "unpledged" delegates, which may be helpful in clarifying who these people are, what they do, and why they're important.

Next Week's Topic: (I confess I haven't decided yet. Political Parties? Propaganda? Do you have suggestions?)

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## Free Election Notebooking Pages

Tuesday, January 22nd, 2008

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I've just begun creating a series of notebooking pages to help us in our observations of the U.S. presidential elections in 2008. In the spirit of "we're all in this together", I'll be posting them here a few at a time as they're finished, about once a week, give or take, depending on what's going on in our lives. I offer them at no charge for anyone who'd find them useful. Please note, however that they are copyrighted. You have my permission to make as many copies for your own use as you'd like, including for co-op groups and schools, but I reserve all other rights. This means you may not redistribute the file by uploading it on another site. If you'd like to share with a friend, and I hope you will, please link to this page.

This installment focuses on learning about each of the current candidates for president. Most of the pages are in color, including a page for each of the current Republican and Democratic candidates. There is also a blank candidate page to use if you wish to research additional candidates from the minor political parties. (Depending on the age, interest level, and attention span of your student, you may want to choose only a few of the leaders in each party rather than researching all the candidates.) Also included are five election-themed notebook pages to use for any purpose you like, such as adding news clippings about your favorite candidate, collecting memorable quotes from the debates, listing constitutional requirements for the office of president, the duties of the president, and so forth.

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### Helpful links for research:

- CNN's Election Center 2008 - click "Candidates" to get information about each candidate
- Project Vote Smart has a listing of 2008 Presidential Candidates In All Parties (There are more of them than you think.)
- ProCon.org has an election page with information about each candidate, especially focusing on issues
- Nickelodeon has a kid-themed election page with information about candidates
- Ben's Guide to U.S. Government for Kids - Good general information about how the government works

### Candidate Websites

John McCain

Mitt Romney

Mike Huckabee

Rudy Giuliani

Fred Thompson

Ron Paul

Hillary Clinton

Barack Obama

John Edwards

Dennis Kucinich

Mike Gravel

If you have additional links that would be helpful, please share them in a comment!

**\*\*\*Next week's theme:** "Primary Elections"

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## Sometimes he really amazes me!

Monday, January 7th, 2008

Today at church the father of one of Cricket's friends came over to chat. He said he just had to tell us how impressed he was with Cricket yesterday. Yesterday Cricket went to the park across the street to play in the snow with his friend. Other children had the same idea, and there wound up being enough for a great big snowball fight to break out, girls against boys. There was no adult supervision. No flames, please, that's the kind of neighborhood we live in-it's safe for a pack of tweens to play at the park. We can see the park from our window from one side, and the friend's family can see it out their window from the other side. It's okay, really. But at this

moment in time, neither of us was looking. Evidently, friend's little sister, who is six, came home in tears because somebody, she didn't know who, had splatted her in the face with snow. A few minutes later, Cricket knocked on the door and said he'd come to apologize, which he promptly did. Friend's dad was really impressed, and so is Cricket's mom. Cricket had mentioned to me that there was a snowball fight and a lot of people, including him, got snow in their faces and one girl got upset and went home. But he didn't mention who the principle parties in the incident were or what happened after. I am pleased to know that by the time I heard about it from the girl's dad, Cricket had already done the manly thing and taken care of business on his own. He's still trying to figure out where the "line" is in play "fights"—things like what to take seriously, and what's all in fun, and when someone is having a good time, or when someone's gone too far. But he has a good heart, and he really, really is trying. And things like this make me think he's really catching on to some of these social skills things.

(We had a minor melt-down later in church and wound up out in the hall, so it's not like I'm doubting his diagnosis or anything, but I have serious HOPE for him anyway.)

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