

Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will understand the concepts of money, sales tax, and the value of hard work and responsibility. They will also develop skills in budgeting, basic math operations, and creative expression through art, while engaging in physical activities that reinforce these concepts.

Materials and Prep

- Paper and colored pencils or markers for art activities
- Calculator for math activities
- Access to a computer or tablet for research (optional)
- Notebook for writing reflections and notes
- Items for a mock store setup (e.g., household items, toys, etc.)
- Access to a local sales tax rate (can be found online)

Activities

- **Art Project: Create Your Own Currency** - The student will design their own currency, considering colors, symbols, and values. This activity will encourage creativity while reinforcing the importance of money in society.
- **Math Challenge: Budgeting & Sales Tax** - The student will create a budget for a small shopping list of items they would like to buy. They will calculate the total cost including local sales tax, helping them understand how taxes affect spending.
- **History Exploration: The Evolution of Money** - The student will research the history of money, from barter systems to digital currency. They will create a timeline that illustrates significant milestones in the development of money.
- **Physical Education: The Value of Hard Work** - Engage in a physical challenge that requires teamwork and effort, such as organizing a mini-Olympics with various sports. Discuss how hard work in sports can translate to success in other areas of life.
- **Foreign Language: Money Vocabulary** - Learn key vocabulary related to money and transactions in a foreign language of choice. The student can create flashcards or a mini-poster with these terms.

Talking Points

- **Art:** "Art is a way to express what money means to us. What symbols can represent value?"
- **English:** "Writing about money can help us understand its impact on our lives. How does money affect your daily decisions?"
- **History:** "Understanding the history of money helps us appreciate its role in society. What was the first form of money?"
- **Math:** "Math is essential for managing money. How do we calculate sales tax?"
- **Physical Education:** "Hard work in sports builds character. How does teamwork help us achieve goals?"
- **Science:** "Science teaches us about resources. How do different currencies affect trade and

the economy?"

- **Foreign Language:** "Learning money terms in another language can help us in global commerce. What is the word for 'money' in your chosen language?"