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LESSON PLANNING RESOURCES

In this section of the Reading is an Investment curriculum guide are additional resources that teachers may find useful in writing classroom lesson plans for their individual grades. Evaluations from recent years of the program showed that the curricular materials were underutilized by classroom teachers. As a result, detailed lesson plans that were previously provided for individual grade levels have been omitted from this guide. Program evaluations consistently showed that if the lesson plans were used, it was by school librarians seeking additional resources--not complete plans.

Lily Learns about Wants and Needs by Lisa Bullard

Other Related Books

Do I Need It? by Jennifer S. Larson, © 2010, Lerner Publishing Group.

Much like Lily Learns About Wants and needs, this book tells a story about the decisions that individuals encounter as they spend their money. One curriculum plan that uses the book can be found at the link below:

http://www.pnwboces.org/ssela/Sample_Lessons/FirstGrade/pdf_files/Unit4/Unit4_Lesson6.pdf

Johnny's Decisions by Jeff Felardo, © 2014, Self Published.

This book outlines basic economics concepts like wants versus needs, choices, and scarcity.

Betty Bunny Wants Everything by Michael K. Kaplan, ©2012, The Penguin Groups.

This book was part of the 2013-2014 Reading is an Investment program, *Choices Have Costs and Benefits*. To access lesson plans, visit the website below:

http://www.vermonttreasurer.gov/content/2013-2014-reading-investment

Online Games & Activities

My Money: Needs & Wants

https://www.myfloridacfo.com/mymoney/games/needs-vs-wants-game.html

The Florida Department of Financial Services has created a simple game that allows students to pick and differentiate wants from needs.

Quizlet: Needs vs. Want Quzlet

https://quizlet.com/30374613/needs-vs-wants-quizlet-flash-cards/

This set of flashcards from Quizlet will assist students in learning the basic difference between wants and needs and financial decision making.

Curricular Resources

Printable Worksheets: Needs Vs Wants

https://printableworksheets.in/?dq=Needs%20Vs%20Wants

Printable Worksheets is a website that provides a grouping of applicable curricular resources, sorted by topic. This grouping of Wants vs. Needs instructional materials is a great set of resources if you would like additional worksheet options.

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A Bike Like Sergio's by Maribeth Boelts

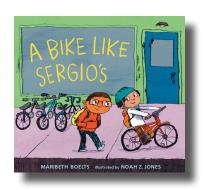
Other Related Books

Nothing by Jon Agee, © 2007, Hyperion Books for Children.

This book for younger students develops a number of themes, including entrepreneurship, wants and needs, and marketing. It offers opportunities to discuss the choices consumers make.

Arthur's TV Trouble by Marc Brown, © 1995, Little, Brown & Co.

This book follows Arthur as he tries to earn money for a want. The story can compliment a number of financial literacy topics, including entrepreneurship, saving, working, choice, and wants and needs.



Online Games & Activities

Adaptedmind.com

http://www.adaptedmind.com/gradelist.php?grade=1

Adaptedmind.com offers a variety of games geared toward elementary learners. For younger students, try the counting games. You can explore the site to find other exciting games for students. **Note, you need to sign up with your email to use this free service.

Curricular Resources

Denver Recycles

https://www.denvergov.org/content/dam/denvergov/Portals/709/documents/I%20Want%20 It!%20I%20Need%20It!%204-6.pdf

Another popular way to teach wants and needs is by incorporating an ecology lesson about managing waste. Denver Recycles offers a free curriculum guide for a 60 minute lesson.

Council for Economic Education

https://www.econedlink.org/resources/scarcity-and-resources/

This lesson on scarcity is a helpful resource to expand upon the concept of resources and how they interact with individuals achieving their wants.

Learning To Give

https://www.learningtogive.org/units/caring-about-community/wants-and-needs-making-difference

This unit by Learning To Give is designed around A Chair for My Mother, which was part of the 2016-2017 Reading is an Investment program. This curriculum expands upon wants and needs by incorporating an analysis about charitable giving.

Videos & Cartoons

Secret Millionaires Club, Episode 8 - The Big Trade-Off

Warren Buffet's Secret Millionaires Club series offers a number of videos and cartoons to help kids learn about personal finance. This cartoon is one about the costs and benefits of choices. You can access the video here: http://www.smckids.com/episodes/?vidlink=08.

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Tía Isa Wants a Car by Meg Medina

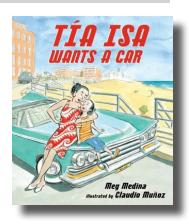
Other Related Books

Those Shoes by Maribeth Boelts, © 2007, Candlewick Press.

This book, from the same author as A Bike Like Sergio's, shares a lesson about wants and needs that could compliement any financial lesson about choices.

Daddy's Back to School Shopping Adventure by Alan Lawrence Sitomer, © 2015, Hyperiod, Disney Book Group.

This book tells the story of a family who learns about wants and needs while shopping for school supplies. Consider pairing this title with a lesson on choices or wants and needs.



Curricular Resources

Parent Guide: Tía Isa Wants a Car

https://www.consumerfinance.gov/about-us/blog/months-money-you-grow-book-club-pick-tia-isa-wants-a-car/

The Consumer Finance Protection Bureau has developed a curriculum guide for Tía Isa Wants a Car. You can obtain paper copies, if desired, for free by using CFPB's website. The guide is also available electronically.

Tía Isa's Incentives to Save

http://www.librarysparks.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/lsp_II_fiction_apr16.pdf

Check out LibrarySparks.com's curriculum, which provides additional ideas on how to teach a savings or choice lesson. The link contains some very helpful worksheets that are worth reviewing.

National Education Association

http://www.nea.org/tools/lessons/resources-for-teaching-financial-literacy.html

Search this site for lesson plans related to personal finance.

Videos, Photos & Cartoons

Cash Calculator -- Four Banks for Your Bucks!

http://www.themint.org/kids/cash-calculator.html

The Mint, by Northwestern Mutual, has a free interactive calculator that allows students to calculate how much they would save, based upon spending, investing and giving goals. Use the calculator to demonstrate choices beyong wants and needs.

Hands on Banking

https://handsonbanking.org/kids/introduction/introduction/meet-zing-and-zoey/

This set of games and curriculum provides an additional opportunity to discuss saving and goals with students. You will need Flash playing installed on your broswer to use the interactive game offerings.