



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. For those educators who do not use the lesson plans in this curriculum guide, we provide these resource suggestions as turnkey resources. We hope these books and online tools help you as you work through this year's book theme. If you have any questions or need additional resources, please email TRE.FinancialLiteracy@Vermont.Gov.

The Four Money Bears by Mac Gardner

Other Related Books

Rock, Brock, and the Savings Shock by Sheila Blair, © 2006, Albert Whitman & Co.

This book, which was used in the 2011 - 2012 Reading is an Investment program, contrasts saving and spending decisions. To access lesson plans, visit this website:

<http://secure2.vermonttreasurer.gov/legacywebsite/www.vermonttreasurer.gov/sites/treasurer/files/pdf/literacy/3-4%20Lesson%202011.pdf>



Just Saving My Money by Mercer Mayer, © 2010, Harper Collins

Mercer Mayer's classic Little Critter series provides several editions to teach personal finance concepts. This title incorporates basic saving information.

Milton the Money Savvy Pup by Jamie A. Bosse, ©2018, Independently Published.

This book introduces basic money concepts and saving principles using fun, colorful images of an overeager dog.

Online Games & Activities

Cha-Ching

<https://www.cha-chingusa.org/>

Discovery Education has put together a cartoon video series that pairs with educator lesson guides, classroom activities, and more to help teach personal finance concepts.

The Money Game: Spend or Save

<https://members.teachbesideme.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Money-Game-Save-or-Spend-Teach-Beside-Me.pdf>

This board game, created by Teach Beside Me, provides a printable template for a Monopoly-style game to teach financial decision making.

Curricular Resources

The Four Money Bears Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/thefourmoneybears>

The official Facebook page of The Four Money Bears features a wealth of graphics, memes, and other content to round out your classroom presentation. Also, be sure to visit www.thefourmoneybears.com



It's Not Fair by Caryn Rivadeneira

Other Related Books

Spending Success by Paul Nourigat, © 2014, Far Beyond Publishing, LLC.

This book teaches financial concepts, such as making a money plan. Key financial terms are highlighted and then defined in a glossary along with summary concepts at the end of each story.

The Kids Money Book by Jamie McGillian, © 2016, Sterling Children's Books

This book covers in detail core financial literacy topics, including earning, saving, spending, investing, and donating. At 112 pages, you can use this book to allow interested students to dig in to the topic.



Online Games & Activities

Road Trip to Savings

http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com/play/roadtrip_to_savings#

This online game from Practical Money Skills provides an interactive format to show the ways income, spending, and saving interact. Students encounter decisions in the format of a road trip.

Curricular Resources

TD Bank Financial Education: Introduction to Saving and Spending

<https://www.tdbank.com/wowzone/lessons/GrK-1Lesson1.pdf>

TD Bank's WOW!Zone for educators provides a number of financial literacy resources. This worksheet, geared for younger learners, is part of a series of saving-themed guides for grades K-12.

Cash Course

<https://www.cashcourse.org/>

Cash Course, by the National Endowment for Financial Education, offers a variety of resources and games for free.

Lesson Planet

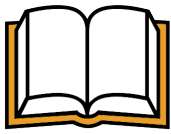
https://www.lessonplanet.com/search?keywords=Money&subject_ids%5B%5D=365220

Lesson Planet contains a number of personal finance education resources, lesson plans, and more. The link above directs users to money-themed lessons.

Videos & Cartoons

Financial Literacy for Kids -- How to Help Kids Save Money?

This 4:54 video provides an overview of how money can be saved, narrated by child cartoon characters. You can view the video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QQgOJoZduRc>



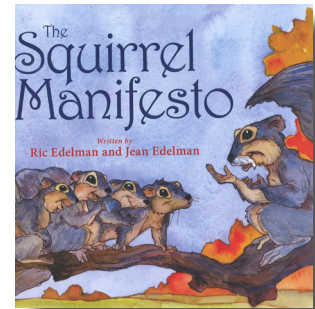
The Squirrel Manifesto by Ric and Jean Edelman

Other Related Books

Three Cups by Tony Townsley, © 2011, Thomas Nelson Inc.

This book, which was used in the 2014 - 2015 Reading is an Investment program, provides a simple strategy to guide students as they spend, save, and share. To access lesson plans, visit this website:

<http://secure2.vermonttreasurer.gov/legacywebsite/www.vermonttreasurer.gov/sites/treasurer/files/pdf/literacy/2014%20Three%20Cups%20Lib%20Activity.pdf>



Sam and the Lucky Money by Karen Chinn, © 1995, Lee & Low Books.

This book tells the story of sharing money with those in needs. Online lesson plans are readily available for this title, which provide an easy learning opportunity for students.

Online Games & Activities

Sample Monthly Budget for Kids

<http://moneystuff.info/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/SampleBudgetforKids-2.pdf>

This worksheet from Money and Stuff walks students through the pieces of a monthly budget. Use this worksheet as a way to highlight that many financial decisions overlap.

Money as You Grow: Help for parents and Caregivers

<https://www.consumerfinance.gov/consumer-tools/money-as-you-grow/>

The Consumer Finance Protection Bureau has a suite of tools on their Money as You Grow website. Browse around and review the resources under "Talk about money choices."

Curricular Resources

Next Gen Personal Finance: Why Save (for the winter)?

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bEf5mE7WM18C10QH7wGBRuSzeUEcUFEPHr9V79es5tw/edit>

This worksheet from Next Gen Personal Finance ties in the natural world in explaining the importance of saving for life events, such as the winter.

The Complete Money Workbook

<https://docs.google.com/viewer?url=http://www.nysscpa.org/docs/default-source/pdf/the-complete-money-workbook.pdf>

The New York Society of CPAs has compiled a helpful curriculum guide that features information on making money plans, saving, and more.

5 Simple Saving Tricks

<https://www.themint.org/kids/saving-tricks.html>

This page from the U.S. mint features helpful tips to start conversations about how adults save for a goal.