

Lesson 1 – Mr. Kelly Talks to his Students about Money

Big Idea: What should students learn about money?

Concepts: money, saving, spending, budgeting, allowance, credit cards, income, expenses, bank accounts

Objectives

The goal of this lesson is to introduce students to many of the money concepts that will be taught in this unit. By having students see a web of ideas generated by students in a class like their own, they will begin to make connections to their own knowledge and ideas and will hopefully become comfortable with this new topic.

Introduction

Begin the lesson by having students brainstorm a number of words that they think of when they think of money. Place the words in a web on the blackboard, on an overhead sheet or on a Smartboard.

Directions

Tell the students that they are going to read about a class much like their own class. Explain that the class also created a web of ideas about money. Hand out the reading and have students take turns reading to the class (shared reading). After the reading is completed, have the students compare the web of ideas in the story, with the web created by them. Ask the students to answer the questions that follow.

Curriculum Expectations

Language

- demonstrate understanding of a variety of texts by summarizing important ideas and citing supporting details (Reading)
- extend understanding of texts by connecting the ideas in them to their own knowledge, experience and insights, to other familiar texts, and to the world around them (Reading)
- generate ideas about a potential topic and identify those most appropriate for the purpose (Writing)
- demonstrate an understanding of appropriate listening behaviour by adapting active listening strategies to suit a variety of situations (Oral)