

Ready To Learn | Financial Literacy Workshop Offerings

Benny's Pennies – PreK

When Benny asks his family members what he should buy with his five new pennies, each one gives him an idea. This delightful story focuses on what Benny can buy for a penny. Children will describe the attributes of a penny through hands-on observation. A counting game will give the children practice counting 1-10 cents. Students will learn to identify a penny and a nickel.
M2.PK.1, M3.PK.1

A Dollar, a Penny, How Much and How Many? – Kindergarten

In this fun lesson, students learn how to count and combine pennies, nickels, fives, tens, and more. The children use their fly swatters to “SPLAT” the correct coin values plus sort coins and make coin towers.
K.CC.A.1, K.CC.A.3

Curious George Saves His Pennies – Kindergarten

When George decides to save his money to buy a toy train he doesn't realize how long and how hard he must work to earn the money. Children will explore the concept of saving, spending, and donating money. Through fun activities, children will practice counting pennies and dimes.
K.CC.A.1, K.CC.B.4

Just Saving My Money – Kindergarten

Little Critter is saving his money to buy a skateboard. Students explore the value of coins and learn to read the written amount using the cent sign. The lesson includes a catchy coin song and engaging money games that will delight students.
K.CC.B.3, K.MD.B.4

The Ready To Learn service is a nationwide effort using on air, online, and print resources to help parents, caregiver, and childhood educators prepare children for success. As part of the PBS Reno Ready To Learn service, we offer free children's workshops in classrooms.

An engaging video, a read aloud, and fun hand-on activities are integrated into the workshop. Lessons are aligned to the CCSS, NGSS, and Social Studies Standards.

All materials are supplied, and a trained facilitator will lead the 45-60 minute workshop.

For more information or to schedule a workshop please contact Joy Foremaster at readytolearn@pbsreno.org or 775.600.0551.

Just Shopping with Mom – Grade 1

Little Critter is having a ton of trouble with his little sister when the family goes shopping. This lesson focuses on counting money and shopping. Students count money using pennies, nickels, and dimes to purchase the parts needed to build a bike.
1.OA.1.A, 1.OA.1.B

Trading Up! – Grade 1

A young boy receives a quarter from the Tooth Fairy and decides to spend it on the perfect item. Each time he makes a purchase though it's just not quite right so he returns it for his 25 cents. This lesson is an excellent introduction to how many different ways there are to make a quarter. They will also practice counting coins to buy “merchandise.”
SS.1.21, 1.OA.C5

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Alexander's Money – Grade 2

Children can relate to Alexander's quandary. Alexander somehow spends his money in a very short amount of time. Students are charged with the task of keeping track of Alexander's money. They explore different coin combinations and practice using coins in everyday situations.

2.MD.C.8

Big Buck Adventure – Grade 2

What can you buy with a buck? The young girl in the story feels overwhelmed by all the things she can buy with a dollar. Students will explore counting coins and racing for a dollar in this lesson.

2.MD.C.8, 2.OA.B.2

Coin Counting Book – Grade 2

What coins add up to a quarter? How many pennies in a nickel? Students practice their math skills with this lesson. They will play Jeopardy Sums and Pots of Coins Money Game as part of the fun activities in this workshop.

2.MD.C.8

Money Madness – Grade 2

Long before bills and coins, people would barter for needed goods or items. This lesson focuses on the history and value of money. Children will compare and count amounts of money, notate values using money symbols appropriately, and solve word problems involving currency.

2.MD.C.8, 2.OA.B.2

Penny Pot – Grade 2

Jessie wants to get her face painted, but she doesn't have enough money. The art teacher has a wonderful idea, a penny pot. Students will practice different ways to count coins through this delightful book and engaging activities. They will discover that various coins can equal the same amount through two hands-on games.

2.MD.C.8, 2.OA.B.2

What teachers are saying about our Ready To Learn Financial Literacy workshops:

"This lesson went right along with what we are working on in math. It built on the knowledge that students are already gaining."

Kindergarten, Mamie Towles ES, Reno

"Students think about budgets and how math affects their everyday life. It aligns perfectly with our own standards."

3rd Grade, Marvin Moss ES, Reno

Betcha! – Grade 3

If you are in a candy store, you can't buy everything that catches your eye. You can't buy more than you have to spend. This is a great time to use mental math and rounding skills. During this lesson, students will practice estimating money amounts to the nearest dollar and mentally adding the three amounts.

3.OA.D.8, 3.NBT.A.1

Ox-Cart Man – Grade 3

The ox-cart man goes to the Portsmouth Market to sell his goods so that he can buy the items his family needs. The man and his family made, collected, or grew the things he sold. Students will explore natural resources that may be collected or used to make things in exchange for money. Then through a hands-on activity students experience selling and buying in a market simulation.

SS.3.24.

Pigs Will Be Pigs – Grades 3

This lesson focuses on counting money and making choices within a budget. Students will solve problems involving decimals when adding and subtracting monetary values. The read aloud encourages the students to calculate how much money is found by the Pig family. Then they will be asked to order from the menu staying within a budget.

3.OA.D.8, 3.RL.1

How the Second Grade Got \$8,205.50 to Visit the Statue of Liberty – Grades 4

As a teacher, we have all probably been involved in school fundraisers. This story describes how a class of 2nd graders tries to earn enough money to visit the Statue of Liberty. Through their efforts they also learn about expenses and profit. Students will explore how to use a simple ledger to track money. Through a hands-on activity they will build, read, write, and compare large numbers.

4.NBT.B.4, 4.MD.A.2

Pigs Go to Market – Grades 4

After winning a shopping spree at the local supermarket, Mrs. Pig has to figure out the value of all her goods. The lesson focuses on economic concepts. Students will play a shopping spree game and keep a running total on a calculator.

4.NBT.B.4, 4.MD.A.2