

Thoughtful Classroom Lesson Ideas

Grade 2

Math

Money Carousel Brainstorm

Science

Insects Task Rotation

Math – Second Grade

Money

Carousel Brainstorm

There are five stations for the heterogeneous groups to rotate through. The activities are based on concepts about money that have been taught both in lessons and when at the class store.

Station One (Metaphor):

Respond to one or both of the questions as a group.

- 1) How is money like food?
- 2) How is money like a game?

Station Two (Visualizing):

Currency (money) looks different all around the world. The United States has a quarter series with a quarter for each of the 50 states. Create a quarter for New Paltz. What or who would you put on it to represent New Paltz? Use the paper quarters to design your quarter and then glue on the poster. Write your name next to your quarter.

Station Three (Classifying):

Look closely at the following list of words about money. Together as a team place the items in groups and label each group.

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| dollars | clothes | paper | coins |
| wallet | toys | jar | copper |
| nickel | food | people | buildings |
| words | numbers | bank | games |

Station Four (Exchanging):

Work together to list as many different ways as you can to make \$5.00. You may use the play money to help you.

Station Five (Creativity):

Work together as a team to write an acrostic poem about a word that has to do with money.

**Science – Second Grade
Insects**

(Task Rotation)

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mastery</u></p> <p>Label the parts of an insect.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Interpersonal</u></p> <p>With a partner, choose and examine two kinds of ants. Explain how their body parts help them in their environment.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Understanding</u></p> <p>Compare an insect to a spider. How are they alike? How are they different?</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Self-Expressive</u></p> <p>Create a new species of insect and describe where it lives. Explain how it lives in its environment.</p> |