



WELCOME!

The Let's Play Money printable packet is designed to inspire kids' interest in financial literacy, build money knowledge and habits, and serve as a tool to spark conversations about financial topics.

Each grade-level packet is full of skill-building games, puzzles, and other interactive activities based on financial literacy standards set forth by the National Financial Educators Council, the Washington State Financial Literacy Standards, and the National Content Standards for Entrepreneurship Education.

Learning about money fosters literacy (financial literacy is tied directly to strong reading literacy), numeracy (working with numbers), and sound practices (forming good habits, planning, and strategizing). To that end, each packet offers integrated opportunities to build reading and math skills while developing financial competencies.

According to the National Financial Educators Council, kids' financial habits are set by ages 7-9. It's never too soon to talk to kids about money, and the Let's Play Money packets are here to help you start those conversations with your kids. Now is the time!

Congratulations on taking this important step!

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR ORDER!

This is the September **Let's Play Money printable packet for 1st graders.**

GET STARTED

- Set up a regular schedule for Let's Play Money to build regular engagement.
- Print the Let's Play Money pages.
- Share the entire packet or offer individual pages for your kid to complete.
- Build opportunities to engage in real-life, money-oriented activities and conversations during the month.
- Go over your kid's work with them and check the answer key at the end of the packet.

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Supplies Needed



LET'S PLAY MONEY

TOOLS FOR SCHOOL

When kids go to school, they need tools to help them learn and do their best. Some important tools are:

- pencils
- crayons
- erasers
- paper
- scissors
- glue
- backpacks



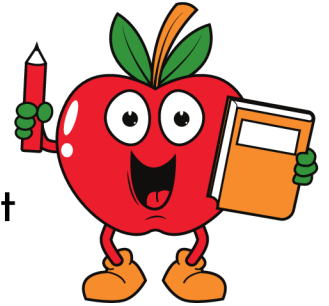
These tools help kids write, draw, cut, and keep their things organized. Trace the word below with a pencil.



pencil

GETTING READY TO START SCHOOL

Have you heard of Labor Day? It's a holiday that honors workers.



It is celebrated on the first Monday in September in the United States and Canada. On this day, people take a break from work and have fun.

Labor Day started a long time ago, in 1882, in New York City. Workers marched together to show they wanted fair treatment at work. Today, most people take the day to spend it with family and friends.

Write the words



Monday

workers

FUN PAGE

Find 6 small words by using the letters in this big word.

S C A R E C R O W

1.

2.

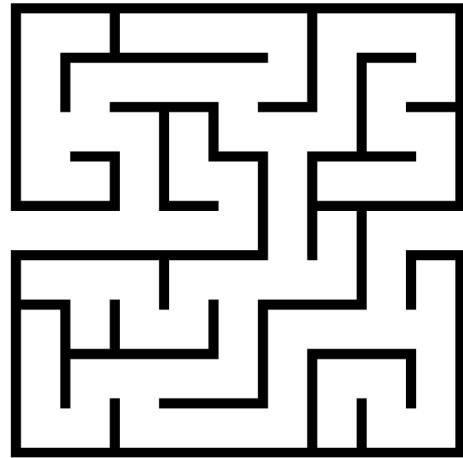
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4.

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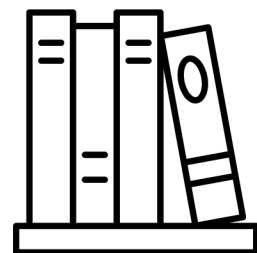
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Solve the corn maze & color the scarecrow.



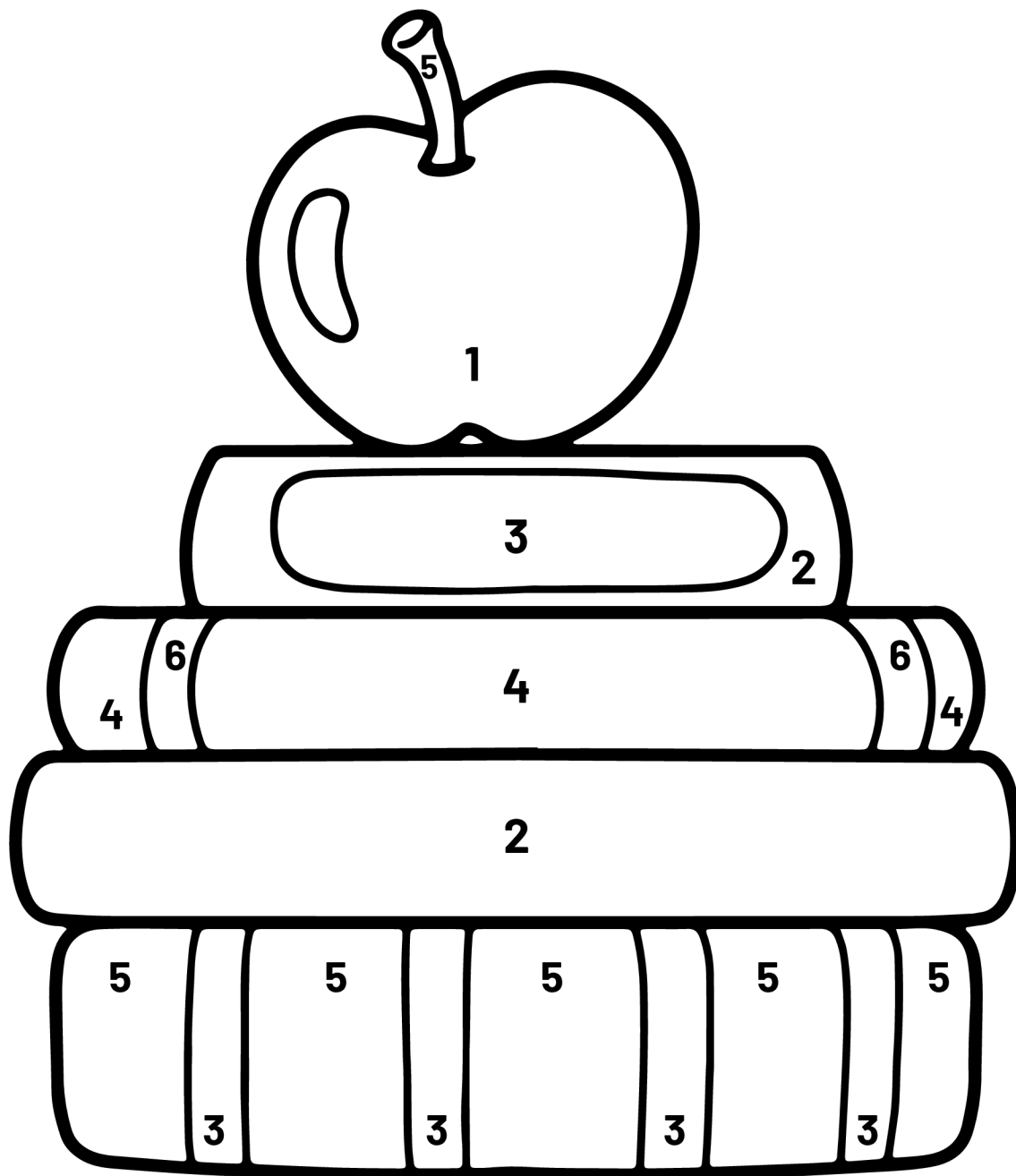
What building has the most stories?

The library!



COLOR BY NUMBER

Use the key at the bottom of the page to color the picture.



- | | |
|-----------|-----------|
| 1. red | 4. orange |
| 2. blue | 5. brown |
| 3. yellow | 6. black |

LIFE ACTIVITY



Plan Your Lunch

Make a list of the items you want to include when you make your lunch each day.

Example:

Peanut Butter &
Jelly Sandwich

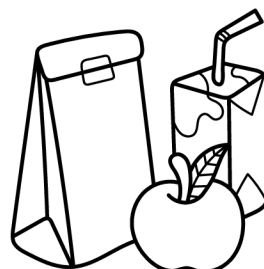
Apple

Chips

Fruit Roll-up

Milk Box

My Lunch:



LIFE ACTIVITY



Compare

Comparison shopping is when you look at different stores, brands, or sizes to find the best deal on what you want to buy. With the food we eat, we also want to make comparisons to select the healthiest choice.

1. Circle the one that is the lower price.



**Individually
packaged chips cost
.75 cents each.**

OR



**Bulk chips separated
into individual bags that
cost .31 cents each.**

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2. Circle the one that is the healthier choice.



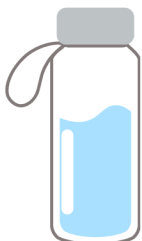
**Fresh Fruit: Apple
.75 cents each**

OR



**Snack Food: Fruit Roll
.60 cents each**

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3. Circle the one that is the lower price and healthier choice.



**Water
FREE**

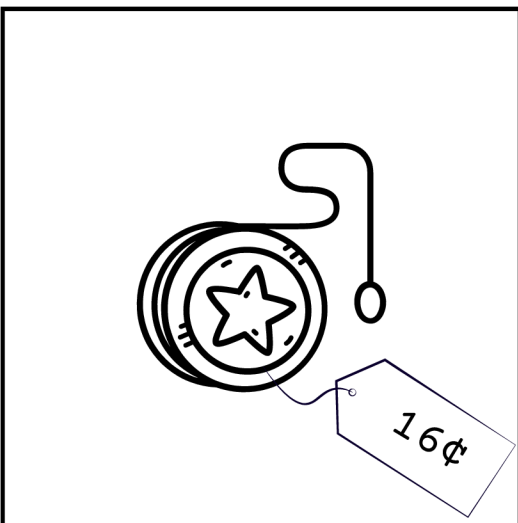
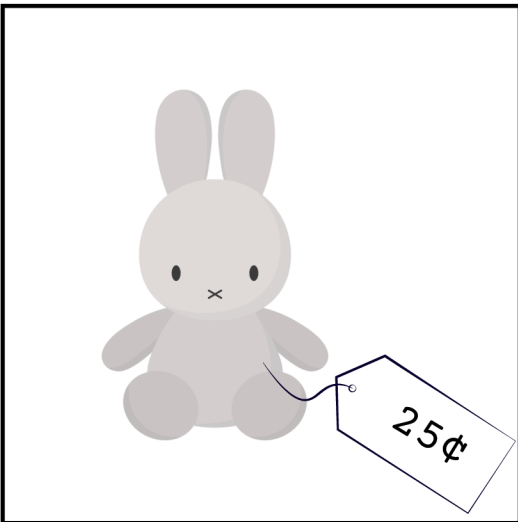
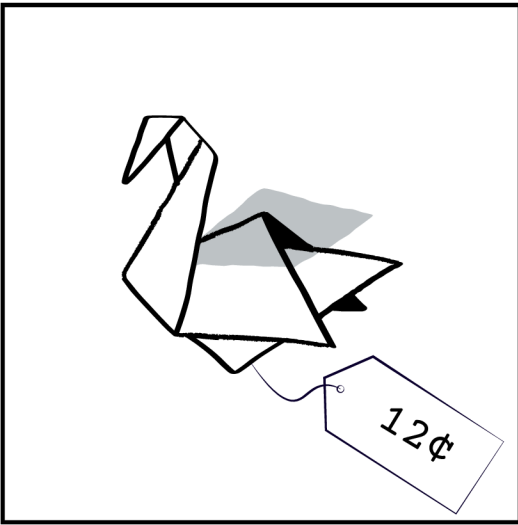
OR



**Apple Juice
.43 cents each**

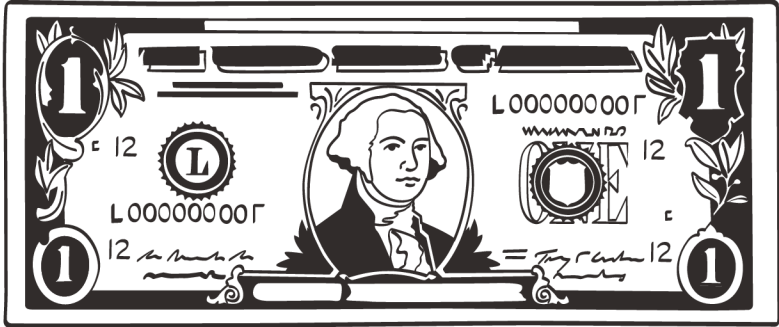
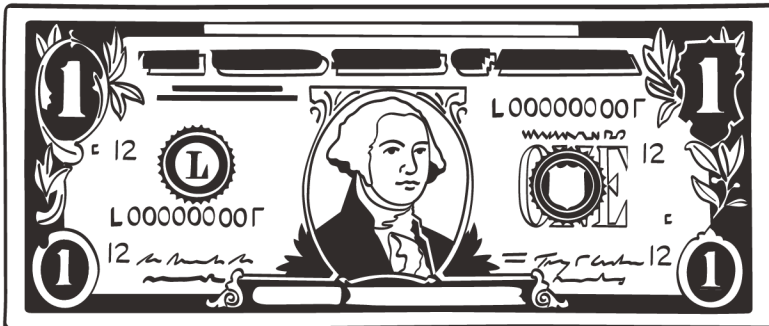
MONEY MATH

Draw a line to match the toy on the left with the coins on the right.



CASH CORNER

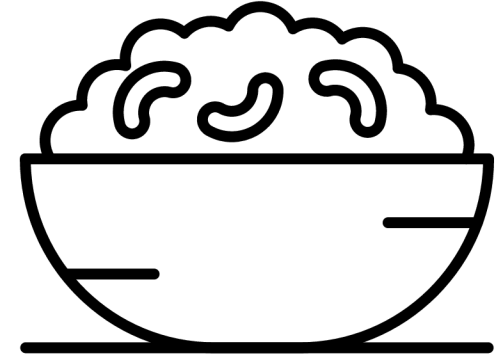
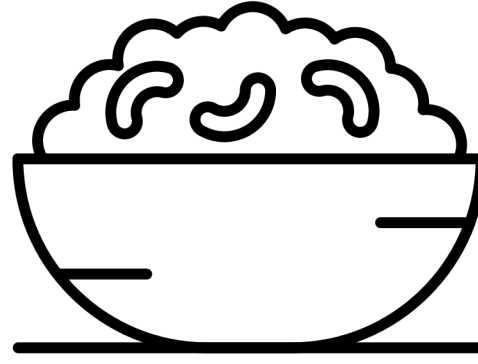
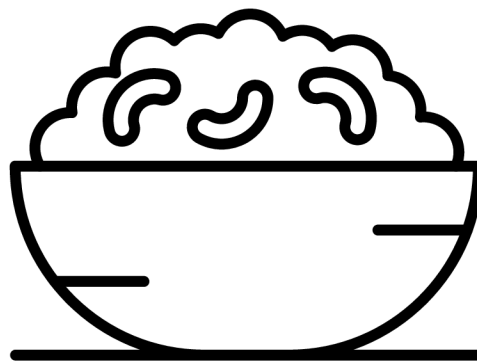
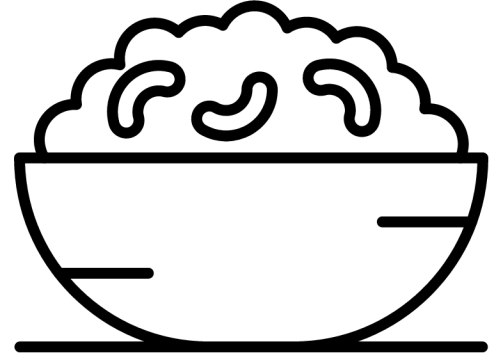
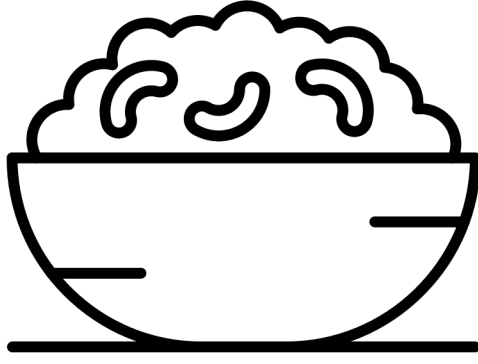
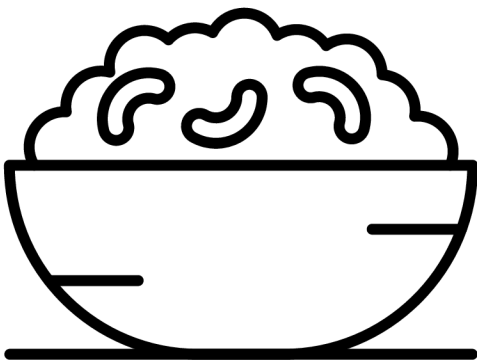
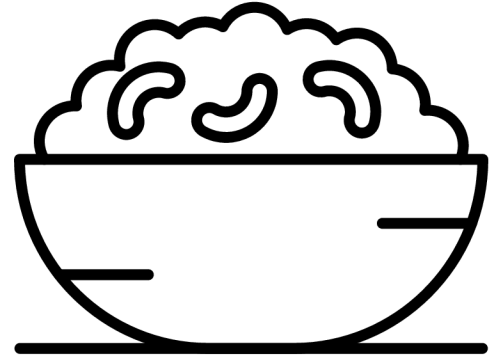
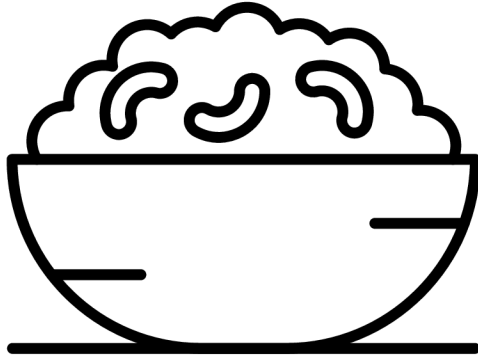
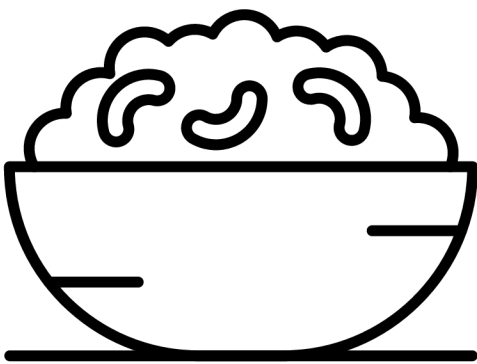
Color and cut the cash.
Use the cash on the next page for a pretend Pop-up Stand.



POP-UP FOOD TRUCK

Start a Pop-up Food Truck Color and cut out the food on this page and sell them in your truck. Decide how much each item costs. Make more products by printing extra pages or designing your own. Give some money to your customers to spend. (Use the cash on the previous page.) Keep some money in an envelope or cash register to give back change.

MAC & CHEESE TRUCK

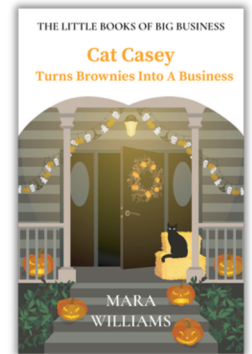


SAVINGS STORY



Excerpt from "Cat Casey Turns Brownies Into A Business"

When I was five, my grandpa gave me one dollar' worth of quarters and told me to "save it for a rainy day". I looked outside and it was raining so I asked him if I could spend it. He laughed and said, "No, 'save it for a rainy day' means to save it for when you really need it." I wasn't sure when I would need those four quarters, so I put them in a sock and tucked them away in a drawer.



About a week later I was at the General Store with my grandpa and spotted the cutest ceramic kitten "piggy bank." It was painted black with white paws. I showed it to my grandpa and he decided I needed a place to store my "rainy day" money. He bought it when I wasn't looking and surprised me with it for Christmas.



I put all four quarters in the "kitty bank" that Christmas and every year, my grandpa gives me another dollar. It has become our little game. One year he gave me ten dimes. The next year he gave me twenty nickels and last year he gave me 100 pennies. That black and white kitty bank was the first in my collection of "kitty banks" and it was my start in saving money.

SAVINGS EXERCISE



\$1 Dollar

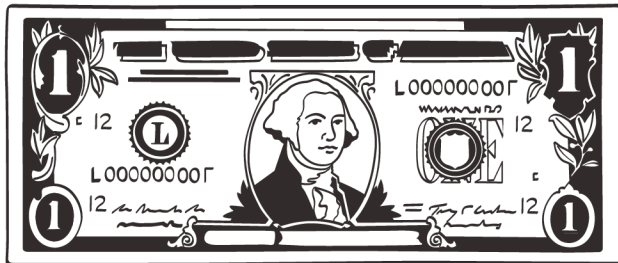
Color each group of coins. Each group equals one dollar (\$1).



= \$1



= \$1



= \$1



= \$1

SAVINGS EXERCISE



Pennies

Color the first 10 pennies and then draw 90 more.
100 pennies = \$1 dollar

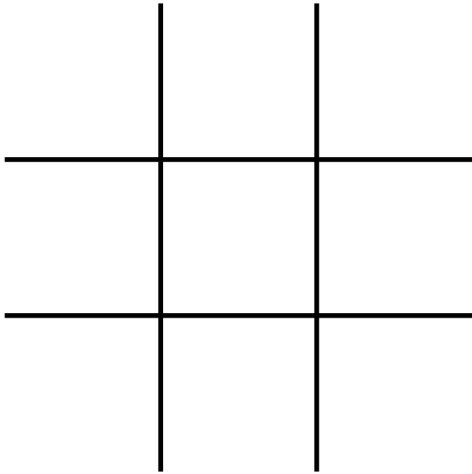


GAME TIME

Play tic tac toe & color the images.

TIC TAC TOE

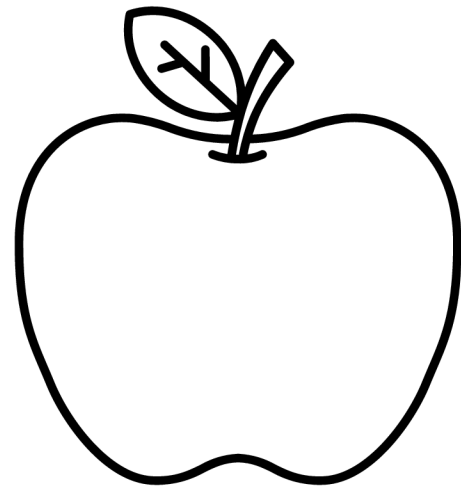
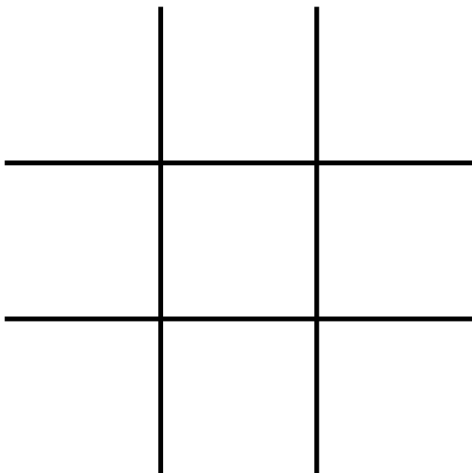
USE X O TO PLAY!



YOU "LEAF" ME
FEELING HAPPY!

TIC TAC TOE

USE X O TO PLAY!



YOU'RE THE APPLE
OF MY EYE!

INSTRUCTIONAL INFORMATION & ANSWER PAGE

3-4 Kids read the Let's Play Money newsletter (independently or with a grown-up). They trace the word "pencil" on page 3 and write the word "Monday" and "workers" on page 4.

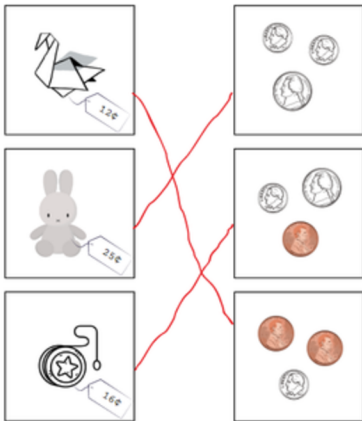
5 Kids write small words using the letters in the large word. Examples include (but are not limited to): cow, car, row, crow, scar, arc, war, race, core, ear

6 Kids use the key at the bottom of the page to color the picture.

7 Kids make a list of items they want to eat for lunch. Optional: This page can be used as a planning tool for budgeting, comparing prices, and making healthy choices.

8 1. bulk chips, 2. apple, 3. water

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10 Kids color and cut the cash to use on page 11.

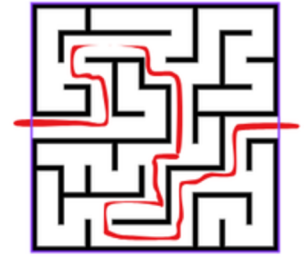
11 Kids color and cut out items for a pretend pop-up food stand. They give the play cash from page 10 to friends or family members to buy items. They keep some cash to use as change.

12 Kids read the business story independently or with an adult.

13 Kids color each group of coins. Optional: Kids can practice adding up the rows aloud and/or using real change to do the same exercise.

14 Kids color the first ten pennies on the page then draw 90 more pennies. Optional: Find or save 100 real pennies and count them.

15 Kids play tic-tac-toe. The winner is the first one to get three Xs or Os in a row. Kids color the pictures.



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Financial Literacy Standards in this packet include:

(1) The WA State Financial Education Standards for Grade 1:

- Saving & Spending (ISS) 1

(2) NFEC (Grade 1):

- Accounts, Savings, Budgeting, and Investment Standards: Explain how savings help us prepare for the cost of things we need, things we want, and emergencies that might happen. (Big ideas: Savings give us money for things we want, things we need, and for emergencies.)

Continue the momentum!

Help kids develop essential money management skills for life.

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