



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 December **Let's Play Money printable packet for 2nd 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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LET'S PLAY MONEY

NEWS

HISTORY OF GIFT GIVING

People have been giving gifts for a long time, and different cultures have special ways to celebrate. For example, Native Americans in the Northwest used to have a celebration called a "potlatch." During a potlatch, people would give gifts and food to show kindness and share with others in the community.



Around the world, people also give gifts for holidays like Christmas and Hanukkah. During these times, gifts are given to show love and friendship. When people give gifts, it's not just about the item—it's also a way to make others feel happy and keep friendships strong.

<https://www.britannica.com/money/gift-exchange>



What do snowmen eat for breakfast?

Snowflakes!



“THANK YOU”

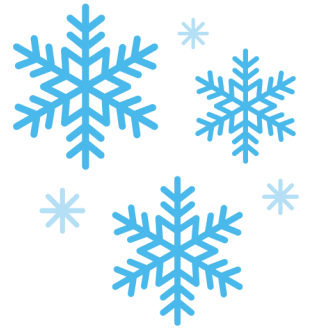
When someone gives you a gift, it's important to thank them. Saying "thank you" shows that you appreciate their kindness and the time they took to pick something special just for you.

There are different ways to show your thanks. You can say "thank you" with a big smile, with a thank-you card you make and decorate, or with a hug if it feels right. Being thankful helps make the person who gave you the gift feel happy too.

Color, cut out, and give a Thank You note!



FUN PAGE

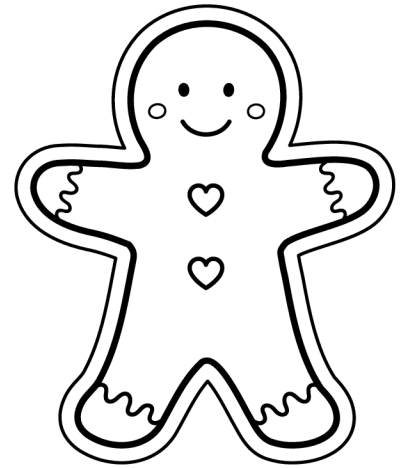


Trace the word December.

December

Write down as many small words as you can find in the big word below:

GINGERBREAD



COLOR

Color the winter cookies.



LIFE ACTIVITY



Helping Hands

The holidays are a lot of fun, and some of the fun requires planning and work. Kids can lend a helping hand and share in the planning and work. As helpers, kids can make the holidays easier.

Help make tags for holiday gifts. Color and cut them out.

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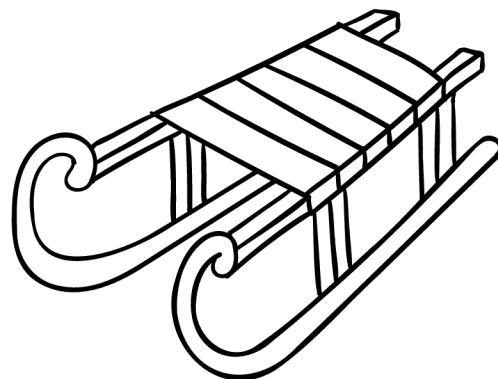
Thank You!

Saying "thank you" when we get holiday presents is important because it shows we're grateful for the gifts we receive. A thank you note lets people know we appreciate the time, thought, and kindness they put into choosing something special for us.

Color and cut out the card. Fold it in half.

Write a note of thanks inside the card and give it to someone special.

THANK
YOU!



MONEY MATH



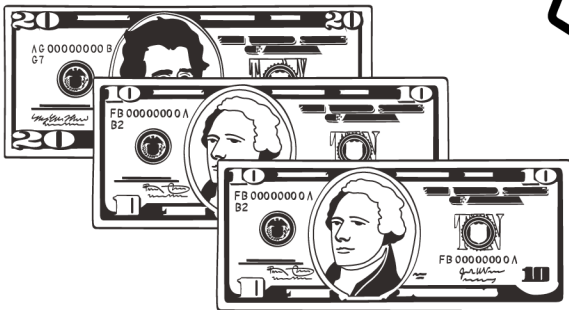
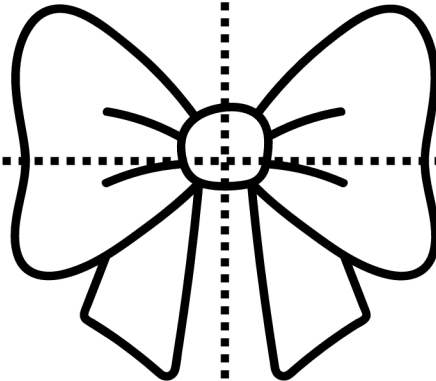
How much did each kid receive as a gift? Write the total in each box.



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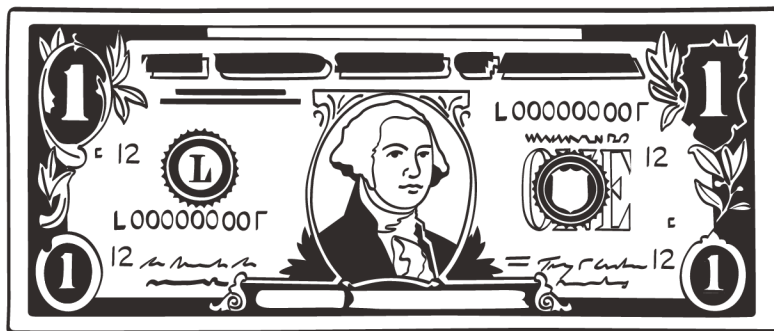
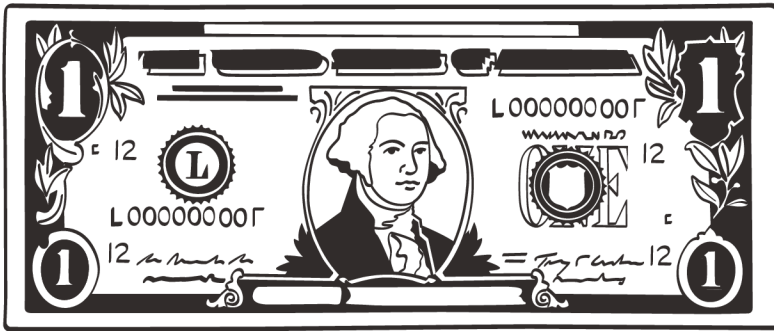
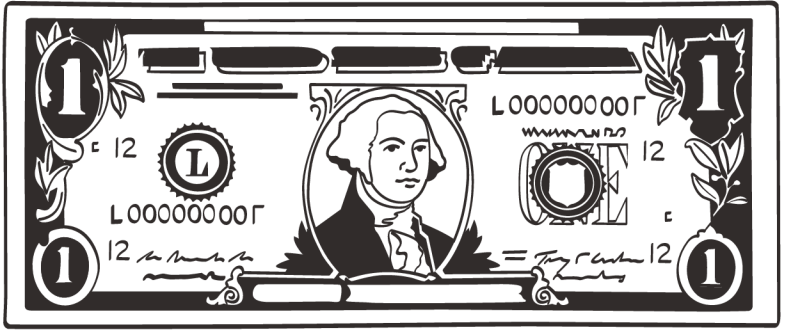
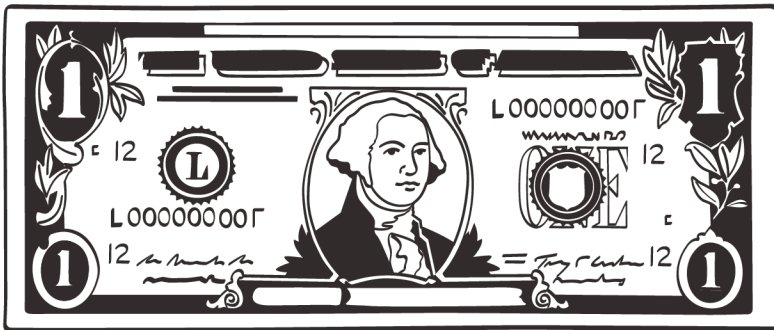
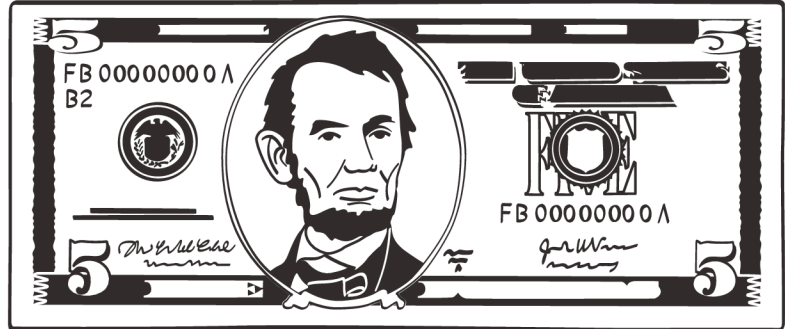
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CASH CORNER

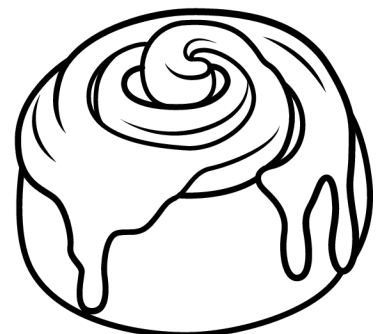
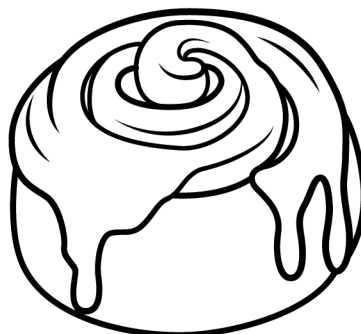
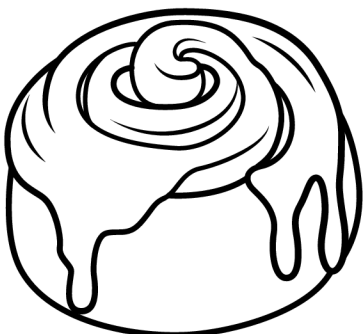
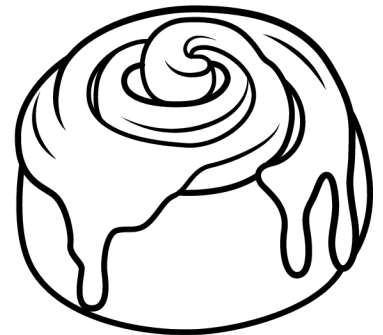
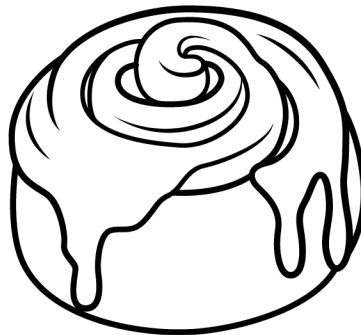
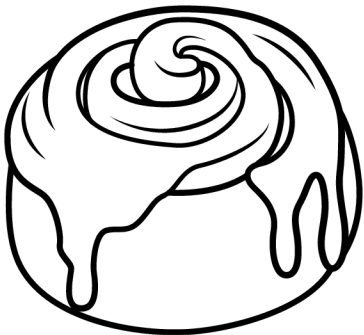
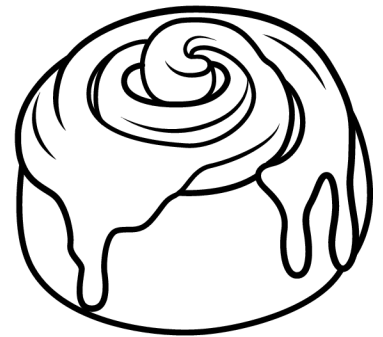
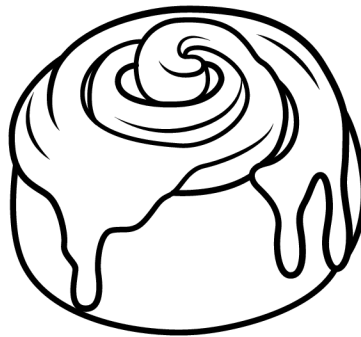
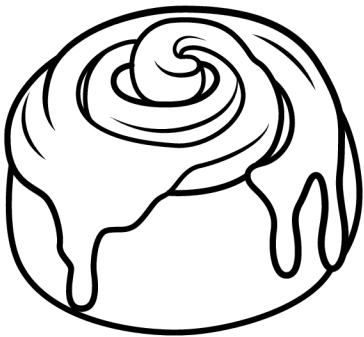
Color and cut the cash.
Use the cash on the next page for a pretend Pop-up Shop.



POP-UP BAKERY

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

CINNAMON ROLLS





**Excerpt from
“Emma Mason Turns Paperwork Into A Profit”**

Over the holiday break, I spent most of my time at my grandparents’ house. They live on a Christmas tree farm. Grandpa grew up on the farm and his father, my great-grandfather, planted the first batch of trees when he was a young boy.



Grandpa spends the year tending the trees on the farm and the day after Thanksgiving, he opens for business. People come from all over to cut their own Christmas trees, drink hot cocoa and have their picture taken on “The Sleigh.”

Most people think of a sleigh as the sled that Santa rides in when he flies around with his reindeer. My grandpa’s “sleigh” is a bright red truck that is over fifty years old. He polishes that truck until it shines like an apple. Then he fills the back of it with blankets, pillows, and bales of hay and lets families take pictures. He has a beautiful golden retriever that follows him everywhere he goes and loves to go for rides in the truck.

Behind the house, there is a large white barn where Grandpa stores “The Sleigh” at night. In the barn during the holiday season, my grandparents set up a cocoa station for visitors in the barn with marshmallows and whipped cream.

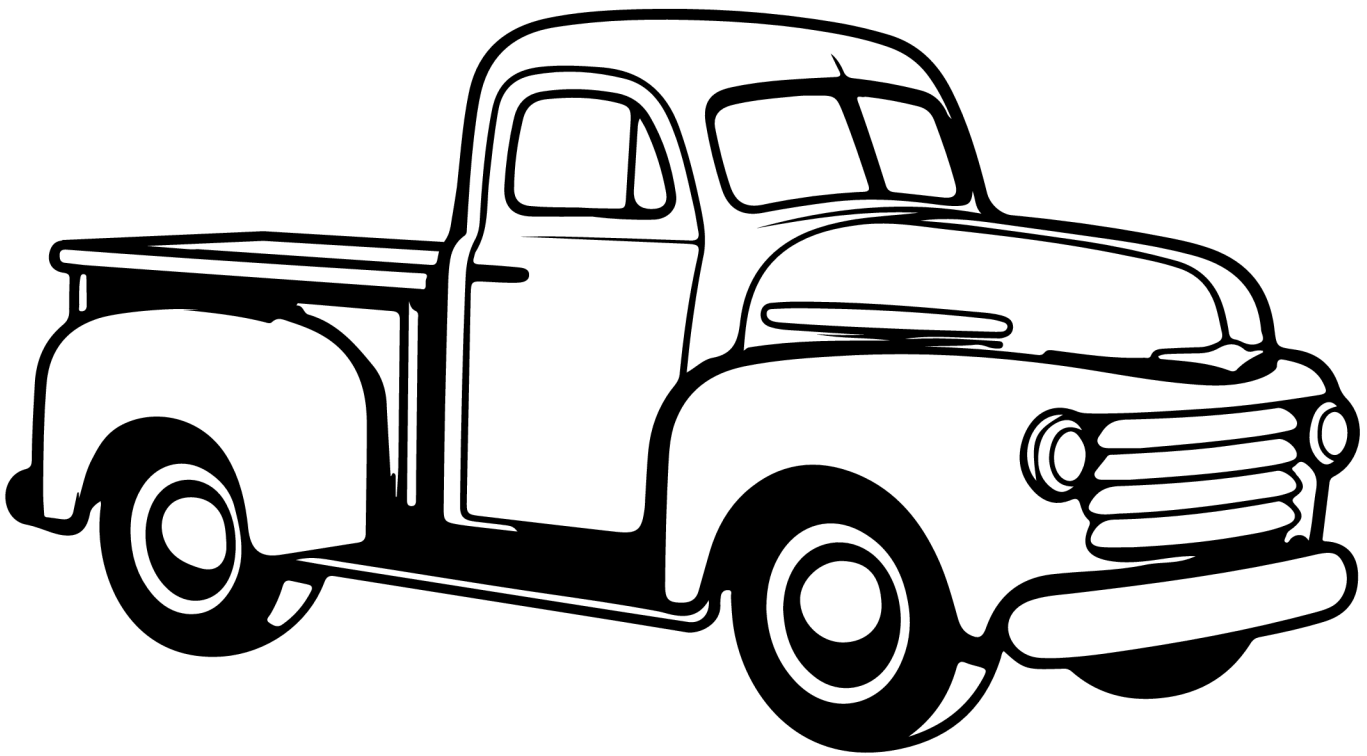




Marketing

Grandpa has a spot in the back of his big red truck where families can take pictures together. It's a fun, free activity that helps bring more people to the farm to buy trees. When families share their photos with friends, more people hear about the farm. This is a way to show people how much fun they can have there, which helps bring in more customers.

Color the truck and add lights, a wreath, presents or any decorations to make it fun for photos. You may even draw your family posing for a photo with the truck.



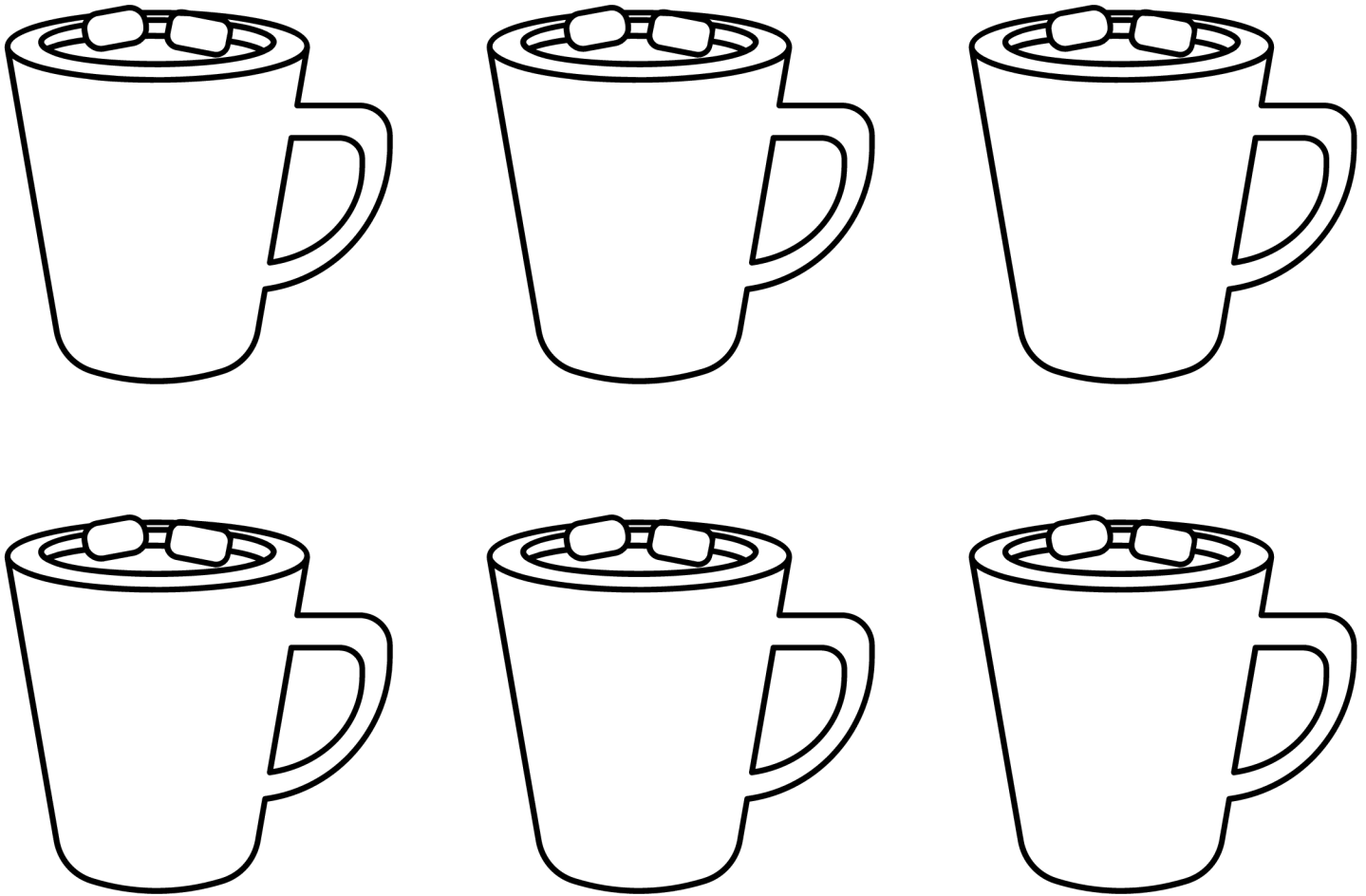
BUSINESS EXERCISE



Add On or Upsell

The Mason Farm sells more than just Christmas trees. When customers buy a tree, they often "add on" extra items at checkout like hot cocoa. This is called an "upsell" because it adds more to the main purchase and encourages customers to spend a little more.

Color the cups of hot cocoa and add up the sales.

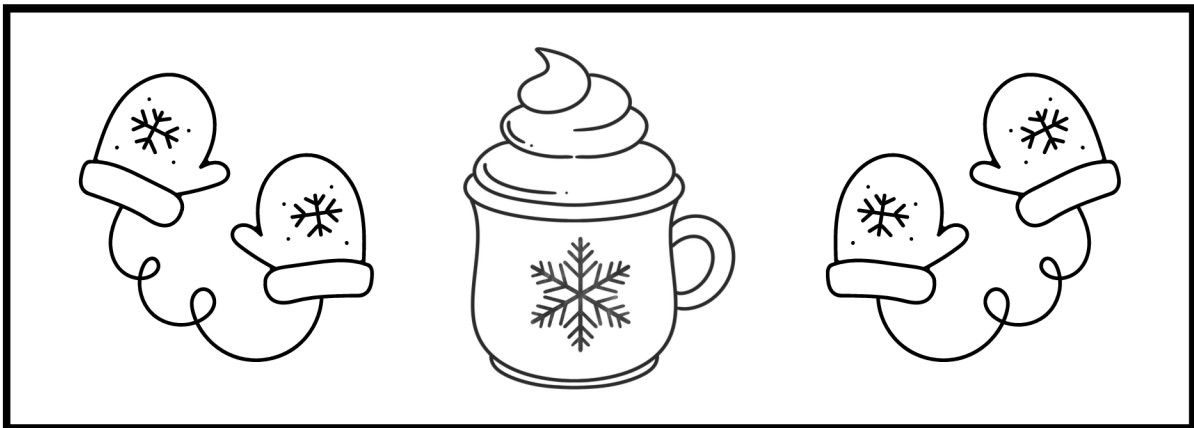
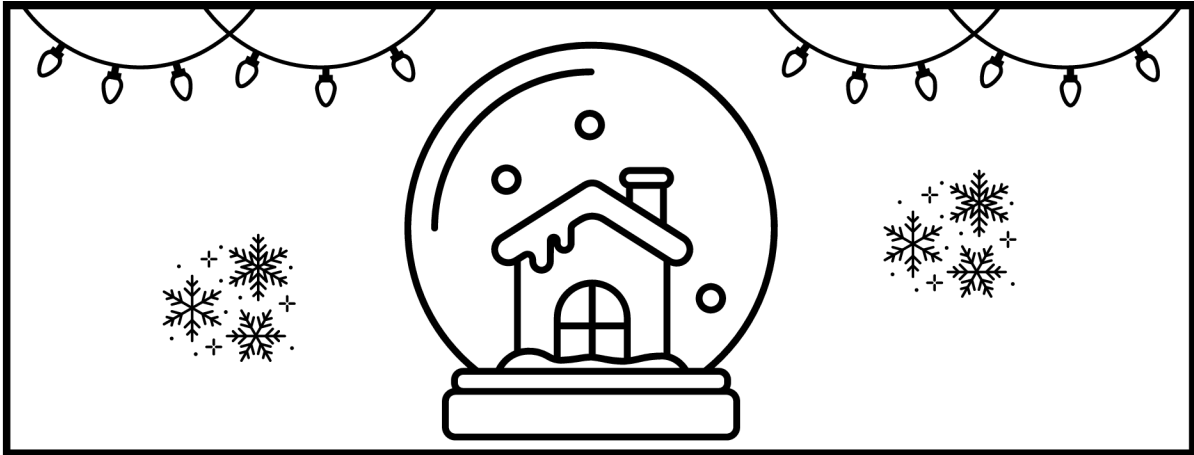


Each hot cocoa costs \$5.

How much is 6 cups of cocoa times (x) \$5?

READING TIME

Color the winter bookmarks. Cut them out and use them or give them as gifts.



INSTRUCTIONAL INFORMATION & ANSWER PAGE

3-4 Kids read the **Let's Play Money** newsletter (independently or with a grown-up). On page 4, kids color and cut the postcard notes. Kids can give these to someone to say "thank you."

5 Kids trace the word "December." They write down small words that can be made from the large word. Answers include (but are not limited to): beg, bag, bean, big, bid, dig, deer, dare, bear, drag, earn, gain, garden, near, rain, ran, gear, rib, red, bad, bare, bird, bend, grin, ring, nag, bring, braid, read, bread

6 Kids color the cookies.

7 Kids color and cut out the gift tags. They then write names on each and attach it to a gift.

8 Kids color, cut out, and fold the card. They can use it to write a thank you note to give to someone.

9 Left to right: \$25, \$20, \$40, \$40

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

11 Kids color and cut out items for a pretend pop-up bakery. 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 and decorate the truck and surrounding area with seasonal colors and items.

14 Kids color the cups. The total is \$30.

15 Kids color and cut out the bookmarks. They can use them or give them as gifts.

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Financial Literacy Standards in this packet include:

(1) The WA State Financial Education Standards for Grade 2:

- Financial Decision Making (2FD) 1,2

(2) NFEC (Grade 2):

- Financial Psychology Standards: Identify different lifestyles and recognize that setting goals can help people plan for the future and make lifestyle choices.

Continue the momentum!

Help kids develop essential money management skills for life.

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