

Economics

Resource List for Grades K through 4

The Resources in this document can be used with the Economics Curriculum Packet for grades K through 4.

Books

Non-fiction and Biography

- A Dollar, a Penny, How Much and How Many? (Math Is Categorical), 2017 by Brian P. Cleary and Brian Gable (Authors).
The book starts with a very basic explanation of the purpose of money, incorporating into the page's realistic illustrations of American coins and bills. Making change and equivalencies are also explored at length using kid-friendly examples of purchases such as pizza and pogo sticks.
- Cloverleaf Books: Money Basics by Lisa Bullard (Author), Various Illustrators.
 - Brody Borrows Money, 2013
 - Ella Earns Her Own Money, 2013
 - Gabriel Gets a Great Deal, 2013
 - Kyle Keeps Track of Cash, 2013
 - Lily Learns About Wants and Needs, 2013
 - Shanti Saves Her Money, 2013
- The Coin Counting Book, 2001 by Rozanne Lanczak Williams (Author).
From one penny to one-dollar readers will learn the various coins, their mathematical relationships, and how to add them all together once their piggybanks are full. Detailed photos of real money against colorful and bold backgrounds depict each coin along with their value.
- Cool Jobs for Young Pet Lovers: Ways to Make Money Caring for Pets (Cool Kid Jobs series), 2010 by Pam Scheunemann (Author).
Guides children through the process of a business plan, safety, marketing, and gathering customer information in order to make money caring for pets.
- From Cotton to T-shirt (Start to Finish, Second Series: Everyday Products), 2013 by Robin Nelson (Author). Series of 10.
How does cotton turn into a soft T-shirt? Follow each step in the production cycle from growing cotton to wearing a comfy shirt in this fascinating book.
- The Go Around Dollar, 1992 by Barbara Johnston Adams (Author) and Joyce Audy Zarins (Illustrator).
Two things are going on at the same time in this book. One is a story of a one-dollar bill as it is passed from one person to another, eventually ending up in a picture frame as the first dollar earned by a new store. The other is information about dollar bills. The book concludes with

labeled pictures of a dollar bill that explain what the symbols and various numbers mean.

- The Invention of the Assembly Line (Engineering That Made America), 2017 by Nikole Brooks Bethea (Author).
Gives readers a behind-the-scenes look at the invention of the assembly line. Additional features include a table of contents, a Fast Facts spread, critical-thinking questions, primary source quotes and accompanying source notes, a phonetic glossary, an index, and sources for further research.
- Let's Chat About Economics!: Basic Principles Through Everyday Scenarios, 2014 by Michelle A. Balconi (Author), Dr. Arthur Laffer (Author), Mary Kinsora (Illustrator).
Economics is the study of choices people make to be happy. Kids do this each day when they decide which shirt to wear, which TV show to watch or what to eat for lunch. In making these choices, they are using the economic principles of scarcity, supply, demand, opportunity costs and diminishing returns.
- Lightning Bolt Book Series on Finance by Jennifer S. Larson (Author).
 - Do I Need It? or Do I Want It?: Making Budget Choices, 2010
 - What Is Money, anyway? Why Dollars and Coins Have Value, 2010
 - What Can You Do with Money? Earning, Spending, and Saving, 2010
 - Who's Buying? Who's Selling? Understanding Consumers and Producers, 2010
- Manufacturing (Bright Futures Press: World of Work), 2017 by Diane Lindsey Reeves (Author).
Manufacturing in this series provides an age-appropriate and interactive introduction to the nationally recognized Manufacturing career pathway.
- Prices! Prices! Prices! Why They Go Up and Down, 2015 by David Adler (Author), Edward Miller (Illustrator).
In simple language and with colorful graphics and amusing characters, this entertaining introduction to economics explains the basic laws of supply and demand, and will promote financial literacy.
- Walt Disney: The Man Behind the Magic (True Books), 2013 by Tamra B Orr (Author).
Readers will discover how Disney built his massive business empire from the ground up, starting as an animator and eventually becoming wealthy as he expanded his interests.

Fiction

- A Chair for My Mother, 1982 by Vera B Williams (Author, Illustrator).
After a fire destroys their home and possessions, Rosa, her mother, and grandmother save and save until they can afford to buy one big, comfortable chair that all three of them can enjoy.
- Grandpa's Corner Store, 2000 by DyAnne DiSalvo-Ryan (Author, Illustrator).
When a giant new supermarket moves into the neighborhood, Lucy's grandpa plans to sell his store. But with the help of friends and neighbors, Lucy is determined to keep this from happening.
- Piper Reed Gets a Job, 1994 by Kimberly Willis Holt, Christine Davenier (Authors).
Piper has no shortage of energy, creativity, and ideas. But she and the other members of the Gypsy Club need a clubhouse to hold their meetings, Piper comes up with a great idea for

- earning the money to purchase one. She will start a birthday party planning business!
- Those Shoes, 2009 by Maribeth Boelts (Author), Noah Z. Jones (Illustrator).
Jeremy, who longs to have the black high tops that everyone at school seems to have but his grandmother cannot afford, is excited when he sees them for sale in a thrift shop and decides to buy them even though they are the wrong size. Any child who has craved something out of reach will relate to this warm, realistic story.
 - Uncle Jed's Barbershop, 1998 by Margaree King Mitchell (Author), James E. Ransome (Illustrator).
The story of a man who spends his life struggling, saving, and sacrificing to build and own his own barbershop and who, despite the many racial difficulties that stand in his way, opens the doors of his new shop to the public at the age of seventy-nine.

Magazines, Journals, Miscellaneous

- Kids Discover: Goods and Services
<https://www.kidsdiscover.com/shop/issues/kd1-goods-and-services/>
- Kids Discover: Money
<https://www.kidsdiscover.com/shop/issues/money-for-kids/>
- Kids Discover: Saving and Spending
<https://www.kidsdiscover.com/shop/issues/kd2-saving-spending/>

Online Links

- United States Mint – H.I.P. Pocket Change Kids Site
<https://www.usmint.gov/learn/kids>

Background information for the Educator

- Council for Economic Education K-12 Resources
<https://www.councilforeconed.org/k-12-resources/>
- Econ Ed at the St. Louis Fed
<https://www.stlouisfed.org/education/>