

KCEE SUGGESTED WEBSITES AND SIMULATIONS TO TEACH PERSONAL FINANCE

Website/Simulation Teacher Review

Elementary



Planet Orange

www.orangekids.com

The Planet Orange Teacher Resource Center (TRC), sponsored by ING Direct, was created to help teachers explain basic money skills such as earning, spending, saving, and investing to students in grades 1–6. Here, you can find free educational materials such as lesson plans, quizzes, and other resources to help students learn the value and good use of money. Kids begin in the space station orbiting above Planet Orange. Using their dashboard, they can play games, participate in activities, and travel down to the continents below. Planet Orange has four continents: Mandarin Mountains, Tangy Town, Navel City, and Orangeopolis. Each continent teaches material of increasing complexity for different age groups and maturity levels.

FAQ

How easy is it to get started?

A short registration is required. The site is free for use after filling out the short registration.

Is this website a stand-alone lesson or is it best used as a supplement?

This site is best used as a supplement to lessons and ongoing teaching in the classroom.

How much time will my students need to complete the activity? Also, is this one activity or a series of activities that must be completed as a whole?

The activities and completion time will vary according to the choices the teachers and individual students make. Students could replay this game numerous times.

What kind, if any, assessments or pre-/post-testing is provided?

No assessments or pre-/post-testing is provided.

Are there any supplements or lesson extensions provided for the classroom?

An activity book is provided on the site as a complement to the Planet Orange website. The book can be used to reinforce the lessons from the website or as an independent financial education resource.

Planet Orange Activity Book I is for those just beginning to learn about money. It incorporates addition, subtraction, word problems, creative writing and simple activities which reinforce the vocabulary and basics of money and finances.

Planet Orange Activity Book II incorporates reading, writing, and higher-level math into more advanced lessons about money. Lessons include: budgeting, paychecks and pay stubs, deposit slips and checks, and the fundamentals of investing.

What grade levels would benefit from this website?

This website is best used with students grades 1-6.

What topics are covered by this website?

Students will have fun while learning all about the basics of earning, spending, saving and investing with Planet Orange.

What Kentucky Core Content does the website address?

PROGRAM REVIEW: Practical Living & Career Studies

MATH

K.OA.1

K.CC.2

K.CC.6

1.NBT

2.NBT

2.MD.8

3.NBT.1

3.OA.1

SOCIAL STUDIES

SS-P-E-S-1

S-EP-3.1.1

SS-P-E-S-2

