

## ***Elementary Economics Resources for Grades K-6***

***Mathematics & Economics: Connections for Life*** answers this question by using "real world" economics and personal finance applications to create a set of **12** hands-on and dynamic mathematics lessons for grades 3-5. Online lessons and interactive resources available. (Council for Economic Education)

<http://mathandecon.councilforeconed.org/35/>



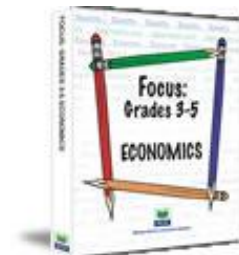
***Financial Fitness for Life*** (Council for Economic Education) is an innovative and fun-filled way to teach kids about saving, investing, using credit, understanding the stock market, buying smart, and managing money. A K-12 program subdivided into grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12. Online lessons and interactive resources available.

<http://fffl.councilforeconed.org/>

***Focus: Economics*** (Grades K-2, 3-5, also available for middle and high school)

Discover lesson plans that use scissors, colored paper, glue sticks, glitter and many more exciting ingredients to whip up hands-on activities and exercises. Your students will also learn essential skills like: group work, decision making, and basic economic reasoning. Each lesson includes:

- Lesson overview with helpful teaching procedures
- Reproducible activities and visuals
- Assessment activities at the end of each lesson
- Glossary section to help explain concepts



***Focus: Economics K-2:***

<http://store.councilforeconed.org/focusk2.html>

***Focus: Economics 3-5:***

<http://store.councilforeconed.org/focus35.html>

***Teaching Economics Using Children's Literature*** Use popular children's stories to infuse fundamental economics and personal finance concepts into your elementary school curriculum. For kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students.

<http://store.councilforeconed.org/teaching-econ-using-childrens-lit.html>

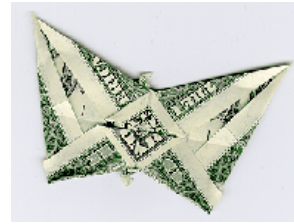


## Money Origami Resources

Books:

**Money Folding** by Norma Eng

**The Buck Book** by Anne Akers Johnson



Websites: (search "origami money")

<http://members.cox.net/crandall11/money/>

<http://www.origami-resource-center.com/money-origami.html>

<http://www.lisashea.com/japan/origami/index.html>



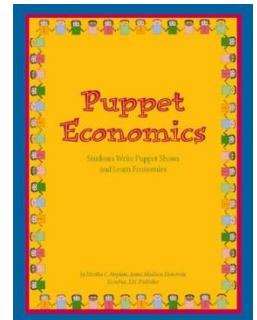
**Wise Pockets** a great place for kids, parents and teachers to learn about managing money. Online stories about earning, spending and saving in the clubhouse library.

<http://www.umsl.edu/~wpockets/>

## Puppet Economics Grades K-8

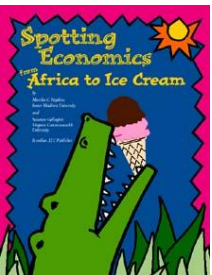
Teachers can guide students as they create their own original puppet show and *experience* basic economic concepts. They start with *decision-making* as they choose the plot and characters. They experience *production* and *scarce resources* as they create puppets. *Specialization* and *interdependence* come into action when students organize for production. They build their own *human capital* when they rehearse and present their show. Finally, they learn about the critical role of *consumers* as they market their show. In addition to the step-by-step teacher's instructions, the guide includes 30 lessons, activity sheets, supply lists, ideas for making puppets, puppetry tips and sample puppet plays.

<http://econ-fun.com/puppet.htm>



## Spotting Economics: From Africa to Ice Cream Grades K-5

Through 15 engaging hands-on lessons, students will learn to notice economics in action in their everyday lives. They begin by learning to "spot" the economics in popular children's literature by authors such as: Harriet Ziefert, Russell Hoban, Judith Viorst, Robert McClosky, Anne Rockwell, Gail Gibbons, Pat Brisson, and Tomie dePaola. Each lesson starts off using an "Economics Spotter List" to find the economic concepts in a story---about subjects from Africa to Ice Cream. The concepts are then reinforced through activities, games and songs. Five bonus "mini-lessons" are included to show how to use the "Economics Spotter List" with other books. Lessons also include reproducible handouts.



[http://econ-fun.com/spotting\\_economics.htm](http://econ-fun.com/spotting_economics.htm)

## Related Children's Books for

### Spotting Economics

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#### **Lesson 1 –Goods and Services on the Nile**

##### ***Bill and Pete Go Down the Nile***

by Tomie dePaola  
ISBN: 0698114019

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#### **Lesson 2 –When Benny Spends His Pennies**

##### ***Benny's Pennies***

by Pat Brisson  
ISBN: 0440410169

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#### **Lesson 3 –Working in a Dot Factory Ten Black Dots**

by Donald Crews  
ISBN: 0688135749

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#### **Lesson 4 –When They Build a House How a House is Built**

by Gail Gibbons  
ISBN: 0823412326

##### ***Building a House***

by Byron Barton  
ISBN: 0688093566

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#### **Lesson 5 – Workers, Workers Everywhere**

##### ***Career Day***

by Anne Rockwell  
ISBN: 0060275650

##### ***Jobs People Do***

by Christopher Maynard  
ISBN: 0789414929

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#### **Lesson 6 –When They Want Blueberries**

##### ***Blueberries for Sal***

by Robert McClosky  
ISBN: 014050169X

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#### **Lesson 7 – Alexander's Choice Alexander Who's Not (Do You Hear Me, I Mean It!) Going to Move**

by Judith Viorst  
ISBN: 0689820895

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#### **Lesson 8 –Frances Makes a Hasty Choice**

##### ***A Bargain for Frances***

by Russell Hoban  
ISBN: 006444001X

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#### **Lesson 9 –When You Save to Buy a Dinosaur**

##### ***You Can't Buy a Dinosaur for a Dime***

by Harriet Ziefert  
ISBN: 1929766815

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#### **Lesson 10 – In Time, The Coin of Life Nobody Owns the Sky**

by Reeve Lindbergh  
ISBN: 0763603619

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#### **Lesson 11 – When We Start a Business**

##### ***How the Second Grade Got \$8,205.50 to Visit the Statue of Liberty***

by Nathan Zimelman  
ISBN: 0807534315

##### ***The Hatseller and the Monkeys***

by Baba Wagué Diakité  
ISBN: 0590960695

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#### **Lesson 12 – While Building a New Road**

##### ***Road Builder***

by B. G. Hennessy  
ISBN: 0140542760

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#### **Lesson 13 –Trading In Mama Provi's Market**

##### ***Mama Provi and the Pot of Rice***

by Sylvia Rosa-Casanova  
ISBN: 068984249X

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#### **Lesson 14 – Resources for Making Ice Cream**

##### ***From Cow to Ice Cream***

by Bertram T. Knight  
ISBN: 0516260669

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## Additional Children's Literature Resources

### **A Basket Full of Bangles: How a Business**

#### **Begins**

Ginger Howard

Themes: banks; interest

### **Beatrice's Goat**

Page McBrier

Themes: savings; savings goal; earning

### **The Case of the Shrunken Allowance**

Joanne Rocklin

Themes: income; savings; spending

### **Charlotte's Piggy Bank**

David McKee

Theme: savings

### **Doggone Lemonade Stand**

Judy Bradbury

Themes: income; savings; savings goal

### **Lucky the Golden Goose**

John Wren

Theme: savings; savings plan; spending; interest

### **Max Malone Makes a Million**

Charlotte Herman

Themes: income; profits

### **My Rows and Piles of Coins**

Tololwa N. Mollel

Themes: savings; savings goal; earning; income

### **Not for a Billion Gazillion Dollars**

Paula Danzinger

Themes: income; savings; borrowing

### **The Pickle Patch Bath Tub**

Frances Kennedy

### **A Gift for Mama**

Esther Hautzig

Themes: income; savings; spending

### **Just a Piggy Bank**

Mercer Mayer

Theme: savings

### **Kermit the Hermit**

Bill Peet

Theme: savings

### **The King's Chessboard**

David Birch

Theme: interest

### **The Leaves in October**

Karen Ackermann

Themes: income; savings

Themes: savings; income; savings goal; savings plan

### **A Pig Tale**

Olivia Newton-John and Brian Seth Hurst

Theme: savings

### **Saving Money**

Tanya Thayer

Themes: savings; savings goal

### **Story of Money**

Betsy Maestro

Themes: background on money

### **Where the Red Fern Grows**

Wilson Rawls

Themes: income; wages; savings; interest

### **Something Special for Me**

Vera Williams

Themes: savings; income

# Online Resources

**EconEdLink**



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Education

[www.econedlink.org](http://www.econedlink.org)

**EeEdWeb** DEMAND Supply  
Economic Education Web

<http://ecedweb.unomaha.edu>