

CAREER DAY ACTIVITIES

The following ideas can be incorporated into your lesson plans as part of Language Arts, Social Studies, health, or as topics for Creative Writing.

1. You can schedule field trips where emphasis will be centered on the workers and the types of skills utilized in these jobs.
2. The children can study the occupations of their parents. They can prepare short reports for the class.
3. Encourage children to cut pictures from magazines on various jobs and design a special bulletin board for these pictures.
4. Prepare a coloring book for the primary grades. These pictures can center on the uniforms that people wore on the job.
5. Check out library books on various occupations.
6. Have students in grades 4-6 make a survey of the various types of jobs which exist in our community.
7. Have children write short stories on "Things I Do Best." This assignment can lead them into discussions on future careers.
8. Assign students to interview in-school people on their jobs. It will be fun to let the children compile their questions.
9. Look for good films and videos which can be shown at various grade levels which may have some career significance.
10. As your class studies various assignments in English, History, Science, Art, Music, and other fields encourage them to identify the occupations of the various characters in the fields they are studying.
11. Start a career scrapbook as a class project. Encourage each child to put pictures or articles from various newspapers and magazines.
12. Develop projects which show the vocations associated with the various holidays. Example: Halloween pumpkins (farmers); Christmas cards (Postal Workers).
13. Students can make a research study to find people who have made a success in more than one occupation. Such a study should help students become aware that they too can find success in more than one field of endeavor.
14. Use your Character Education material. Many ideas are related to self-concept and careers.
15. Assign students the task of writing letters to successful people in the community and nation. Ask them the following: Why they selected their vocation? What qualities were necessary for their job? What advice would they give to someone interested in this field? Letters could be displayed in the case outside the office.
16. Present to your children the opportunity to discuss how a career choice influences other aspects of their lives.
17. Permit children in the primary grades the opportunity to engage in role-playing activities. They can be teachers, nurses, store cashiers, and others.
18. Engage children in the discussion of the dignity and value of all work in which people engage.
19. Games, such as Spell Downs – using career words; Word Hunt worksheets; and Career Crossword Puzzles are an excellent way to infuse Career Education into the curriculum.
20. Promote a Hobby Show in your room as means of developing interests. Many people have found their vocations through hobbies that they pursued during their earlier developmental periods.
21. Plan a Career Costume Day in your class or on your grade level.
22. Develop a unit which will help the children be aware of the importance of building a good background during the elementary school years as preparation for the rest of their educational career. Learning good study habits can be a part of this unit.
23. Children can make presentations over the P.A.
24. Careers can be the theme of your assembly program.