

Work Readiness
Week 5
Mrs. Howe

Welcome to week 5 in Work Readiness. Again, I hope everyone is doing well. I know the weather is getting nicer and this stay at home stint is not as fun as it seemed it was going to be. I am sure you are all ready to get out and get involved in some activities outside of your home or yard. Also, the changes in our economy of Lea County has been very hard on some of you and your family. If you need additional help in finishing out your school courses please let us know. We are nearing the end. You will go down in history as the first group of classes to have to finish your year from the safety of your home. Work Readiness is going to finish the year with a fun project for you. This week you will finish your financial study and begin your car shopping project.

Assignment 1

Lesson 8: Financial forces you cannot avoid.

Read through the lesson on page one. You should gain knowledge about inflation and Uncle Sam (taxes). Can anyone tell me why we say "Uncle Sam"? These are 2 things that we cannot get around. Page 2 is the activity sheet. Here you will calculate the buying power of your money over time. Here is a great opportunity to talk to your parents\guardians about the price of things overtime and how they have changed. Ask them if they can give you some examples of products that the price is really different today compared to when they were your age. I'm sure your grandparents have even better examples. Let me know what you find out. At the bottom of the activity page you have to complete a scenario of the amount of taxes that are withheld from a paycheck. Again, we get to use those math skills in a "real world" scenario. Did you know I love when we get to use those math skills! You are finding percentages.

Assignment 2

Calculating Car Payments

Before we begin our project of car shopping next week you will learn about the different variables involved in calculating the payment for your car loan. You need to begin by looking up the vocabulary words listed. You should be able to google each of them. Please let me know if you have trouble finding any one of them. Once you understand the terms then you need to complete the worksheet by finding the missing information for each car. You have six cars to calculate the payment. I have included a website for you to use to gain access to a loan calculator. You can also google one for yourself if you would rather.

If you have any questions please let me know.

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