

Occupations: A Month of Classroom Activities

November is *Career Development Month*. Use these activities to expose your students to the world of work. Each day, have a student pick one of these activities out of a hat. Encourage research and discussion, and have fun with them!



<p>Brainstorm ways to learn about occupations; write the list on the blackboard. Choose at least two ways to gather information about an occupation of your choice.</p>	<p>Name 5 occupations in your school.  Do you think people in these jobs have to work together as a team? Why or why not?</p>	<p>What jobs require you to work on your feet all day? Would you prefer to work at a desk or mostly on your feet? Why? </p>
<p>Name 5 occupations that work with animals. Draw a picture of yourself doing one of these jobs. Be sure to include the animal! </p>	<p>What are some jobs related to sports, other than professional athletes? Do any of these interest you? What skills & training would you need to do the one you like?</p>	<p>What is your favorite school subject? Can you think of two jobs that would require you to be really good in that subject? Do either of them interest you? Why?</p>
<p>Talk with your classmates about jobs you see at the grocery store. What kinds of skills are needed for each of these jobs? </p>	<p>Brainstorm “helping jobs”. Write a thank-you note to someone who does a helping job. Make sure to tell him/her why you appreciate the job he/she is doing.</p>	<p>What occupations do you see when you are on your way to school? Are these jobs inside or outside? Would you rather work inside or outside? Why?</p>
<p>Talk about the jobs that are found in a restaurant. Break into groups and make up a skit that shows how all these jobs work together to make a successful business.</p>	<p>List as many types of vehicles as you can think of on land, sea, and air. Which one would you most like to drive/pilot? Draw a picture. </p>	<p>What are some habits you can develop in school that will prepare you to be a good employee? Which habit have you developed? Why is it important?</p>
<p>Think of an occupation that interests you for each letter of your first and last name.</p> <p>A-Astronaut</p>	<p>Name an occupation you would NOT like to do. What is it about this occupation that you don't like? Write a paragraph to explain your feelings.</p>	<p>Think of an occupation and then make up three clues that describe it. Have a classmate guess the occupation. </p>
<p>Name 5 occupations that work with children. Would you like to work with children? Write a paragraph that explains your answer.</p>	<p>Think of as many jobs as you can that work outside. What are the pros and cons of having an outside job? </p>	<p>What is your dream occupation? Using your favorite art supplies, reveal your dream occupation.  </p>
<p>Do you like to create things? If you could have a creative profession, what would it be? Demonstrate your creativity for the class.</p>	<p>What skills have you learned by doing chores at home? Would any of these skills be useful in a job? </p>	<p>Write a list of businesses on the board. Choose the one in which you would most like to work. In pairs, guess which business each other chose. Discuss reasons.</p>