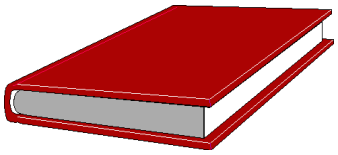
Career Awareness: Guests & Projects

November is *Career Development Month.*
Use these career awareness activities in your classroom to celebrate the month with your students.

Go to the library and choose a book about an occupation that interests you. If you like, use the K-5 book list for ideas.
Move into groups of three and take turns talking about the occupation in the book.



Interview someone in your family. Use these questions and make up more of your own. What is your occupation? Why did you become this? What is your education or training? What do you do at work all day? What do you wear? Do you like your job? Is there anything about it you don't like?



Create an occupation scrapbook. For each school day during the month, add another occupation to your scrapbook. You may cut pictures from magazines, use photographs, use printed pictures from the computer, or draw your own pictures. Be sure to write the occupation title on the page and write a caption that states one thing you know about the occupation.


Exterminator

Make a list of classroom chores and then make a schedule so that you can do every chore once. Keep a journal of your experiences. When you have tried all the chores, choose your favorite and your least favorite. Explain what you liked about your favorite and what you didn't like about your least favorite. What have you learned about yourself from trying these different jobs?



Invite 3 guests to talk about their jobs.

Guest #1 should represent an occupation that works primarily with his/her hands.



Guest #2 should represent an occupation that works primarily with people.



Guest #3 should represent an occupation that works primarily with information.



Take a walk in and around your school. Make a list of all the occupations that helped to build your school, and all that currently help to maintain your school building and grounds. Draw a picture of one inside occupation and one outside occupation that you find interesting and tell why you chose them.


Plumber



Decorate a bulletin board with a make-believe Main Street. What businesses and offices will be on your Main Street? Who will work in those businesses and offices? Who will provide the services needed to keep the community safe? Does anyone live on Main Street? Where do they park? Who governs it? Name your community.



Use clay, pipe cleaners, paper, fabric, or another medium of your choice to make a 3-dimensional art project that represents an occupation. Think about the unique characteristics of this occupation that can be portrayed in your artwork. When you have completed it, ask your classmates to guess what the occupation is, and then tell them something interesting about it.


Entomologist

Celebrate *Career Development Month* with an "Occupation Dress-Up Day". Wear clothes that appropriately represent your favorite occupation. Bring in tools that you would use in your job. Ask your classmates to guess what occupation you are dressed as. After they guess, tell them what you've learned about the occupation. Then...have a party!