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Hey Kids,

Do You Know the Three S's?

Chances are you know about the "three R's": reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic. Knowing how to read, write and do math are important skills for everyday life. But do you know about the "three S's"? They stand for Saving, Spending Wisely and Sharing. And when it comes to dealing with money, the three S's are just as important as the three R's! Here's what they mean:

Saving

Is there something really special you'd like? A bicycle? A computer game? A new outfit? To make sure you can afford to buy the things you want, you'll have to save some of the money you receive for allowance, birthday gifts, baby-sitting, or chores. Saving money takes discipline, but it's really worth it!

Spending Wisely

Ever buy something you thought you wanted, only to lose interest in it a week later? That's not a wise way to spend your money. Controlling your spending and buying only those things you really want or need will help your money go further.

Sharing

Giving to others is an important part of life. Donating some of your money to a charity or using it to buy a birthday or holiday gift, can really make someone happy. And you'll feel pretty good, too!

Your Pal,
Farmer Pig E. Bank



Did You Know?

- In Phoenix, Arizona, the most it has ever snowed is 1 inch, in 1933.
- Eighty percent of the world's fresh water is locked up in ice or snow.
- The average snowflake falls at 3.1 miles per hour.
- The largest snowflake fell in Montana in 1887 and was 15 inches in diameter!
- Stampede Pass, Washington, averages 430 inches of snow per year.
- The world's largest snowman was created in Bethel, Maine, and was more than 120 feet tall.

JOKE Corner

Q. What do you get when you cross a snowman with a shark?

A. Frost bite!

Q. What do snowmen call their offspring?

A. Chill-dren



Parents & Guardians Section

Jobs for Kids

Is your child wanting or needing some more responsibilities? Do they want to save for something special? Below are some ideas for jobs that kids can do!

* **Parent's Helper:** A parent's helper is similar to a babysitter. However, if your child is too young to baby-sit on their own, then a job helping parents is a good opportunity. They can help watch someone's kids, assist with the feeding, playing, or doing chores around the house. Later, once your child is older, they have gained some references for regular baby-sitting work.

* **House Cleaning:** Instead of a parent's helper, your child could help with house cleaning. There are many chores that would be suitable, such as

vacuuming, dusting, etc.

* **Animal Caretaker:** If your child enjoys animals, then try an animal caretaker business. This might involve walking dogs, dog washing, or general grooming.

* **House And Pet Sitting:** If a neighbor is taking a trip or vacation, then taking care of their house and/or pets may be an opportunity. This may include watering plants, and any other chores they may need.

* **Snow Removal:** In the winter time, many people need to have their driveways or sidewalks shoveled. This job works best when a group of kids can work together shoveling several houses. Create a business, and make arrangements to shovel people's houses before the snow storm.

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Pig E. Bank's Word Scramble

A L
E D
Q U Y N
Q J W P
W Z Y E P S
D N O K O X
T I B X W P S M F A J K Z A F A M I L Y
L A L C H R I S T M A S L E D H O D K I
T J L F B W A S T O C K I N G J O I
L R U D O L P H U H A Z S Y O Q
X W Q O R N A M E N T S H Y
S A N T A M L I G H T S
P U Y S I S V S K Z U A L V
Q D T R E E X B S J I R H C
H N F Y P P R E S E N T S S O X
K E D H B C F X U O C P O X
T T N L H M R J B W A H C Q
X A T H F A J T L T
X C O H I T D Q
L Y G A

SNOW
SLED
CHRISTMAS
FAMILY
STAR

ORNAMENT
PRESENTS
SANTA
RUDOLPH
ELF

CANDY
STOCKING
TREE
LIGHTS
JOY

COLOR ME!!!



Tube Sock Snowman



You'll Need:

- Tube Sock with red border
- Uncooked rice (2 cups)
- String
- 2 plastic baggies
- Small green pompoms
- Extra small brown pompoms
- Small brown pompom
- Googly eyes
- Red yarn
- Glue gun

How to Make It:

- Fill a plastic baggie with 1 cup rice. (this should fill 2/3 of sock. You may need more or less depending on the size of the sock)
- Tie the top of baggie with twist tie
- Put bag inside tube sock
- Tie tightly with string
- Repeat above using 1/2 cup of rice (more or less)
- Tie tightly with string.
- Fold over the ribbed part of the sock to make the snowman's hat.
- Cut 3 strands of yarn and tie around the snowman's neck
- Glue on green buttons, brown mouth and nose
- Glue on eyes
- Make a tassel on the top of the hat with yarn, glue

It's that simple!

