

GRASPS
UNIT: FINANCIAL LITERACY
SUBJECT: Math – Grades 4-7

PERSONAL BUDGET – GRADE 6

ESSENTIAL QUESTION(s):

- Why is money important?
- How do values determine spending habits?
- What is financial responsibility?
- How is worth determined?

G R A S P S	
Goal	Goal: Design a personal budget that reflects your income.
Role	Role: Imagine you have an allowance that earns \$20/week. You have saved all the money you earned over the 8 weeks of summer. You have also had the opportunity to make more money, by completing extra chores and have a total of \$1000.
Audience	Audience: The Bank of _____ (fill in your name, or school name).

Situation:**Situation**

Create a budget for yourself that shows how much you have earned, how you have earned it, how much you plan to save, how much you plan to donate to a favourite charity, and how much you plan to spend, as well as itemizing what you plan to spend your money on.

Performance or Product:**Performance or Product**

Prior to completing your budget, you will need to fill in the Chore Chart, to calculate your variable income. Your budget should then include all the necessary work involved in your calculations, as well as itemized lists of what you will be spending your money on, so as to reflect your personal choices. You will also need to decide whether or not you have any money left over at the end of your budget, to add to your savings, or if you are going to spend it all.

After completing your budget, complete a personal reflection piece that discusses how you made the choices you did, with regards to how much, and where you donated money to, and what you chose to purchase.

Standards:**Standards**

Your budget should be thoughtful, clear and detailed. Your reflection should reflect your personal choices and values.

Differentiation:

ADAPTATIONS:

- Box templates could be provided for students to aid in the operations performed with whole numbers and decimals, to help keep the places in line.
- Students at this grade level who are able, can work on tasks from higher grade levels instead.
- Templates could be provided for the personal reflection piece, with guiding questions.
- Blank Chore Charts could be given to students, and then have them assign the values for each chore; this would lead to assessment regarding students' understanding of worth.
- Chore Charts could be partially filled out, or completely filled out prior to giving them to students.

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EXTENSIONS:

- All levels: create a graph to represent your budget (pictographs, line graphs, bar graphs, circle graphs; discuss which graphs would be appropriate and how you might use them).
- Turn your budget into a board game to demonstrate the concepts of earning and spending by moving forward and backward on the game board; play The Game of Life and Monopoly with students.