



Activity Cluster Plan: Career Discovery

Goal:

Exploring careers now can help students see the many choices they'll have when they decide what they want to do as an adult. As students work through activities in this section, they'll explore their career interests, various occupations and the job application process.

This activity cluster will introduce students to college by exploring the concept of career discovery.

Activity Set One: Kindergarten – First Grade

Some students have an idea of what they want to be when they grow up. Whether it's a dancer or a dentist, they're always excited to tell others about their dream careers. Walk through the activities with your students and address any questions they may have about unique jobs. To further their learning, draw your career pathway for students to see how an adult's journey might look.

Activity Set Two: Second – Third Grade

It's good for students to recognize that important jobs are all around them. From a construction worker to a store clerk, everyone's occupation plays a special part in society. Read the opening paragraphs with your students and walk them through the activities. Talk more in-depth about uncommon jobs, such as x-ray technicians and game designers, and ask students to think of other cool careers they don't hear about often.

Activity Set Three: Fourth – Fifth Grade

Older students are introduced to the job application process as they learn about different career categories. Walk through the activities with your students and answer any questions they have regarding resumes or job interviews. Explain that a resume summarizes their work history and accomplishments into one document. If there is time, consider creating a class project that allows students to conduct mock interviews for jobs they really like.

Review:

Exploring the wide variety of careers that are available can show students there are endless possibilities for their dream job. When students learn about the responsibilities, environments and schedules for different occupations, they'll discover which careers interest them the most. Throughout the activities and discussions, be sure to talk about the importance of education to reach any career goal. Informing students about this crucial fact will encourage them to always try their best in school.

Parent Activity:

Your student may ask questions about common and uncommon jobs. During this discovery process, give examples of different adults in your child's life who have interesting careers. Also, talk about your own career. Let your student know the importance of your job and that you want them to choose a career they'll enjoy.