

# We're Completing a Gifting Sense Workshop!

On: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Students and Parents,

Next week at \_\_\_\_\_ School we will be learning about the importance of thinking before buying. We're doing this by completing a free workshop with resources provided to us by a small not-for-profit named Gifting Sense. We/ I have asked your student to please research the cost of something they might like to buy or receive as a possible holiday or birthday gift, and to bring in either a photo of the item in question, or have access to a digital image in order to prepare for our workshop.

Each participating student is going to be able to:

- 1) Research if they will really use and appreciate a possible gift by answering 10-12 questions such as "How many times a month will I use or wear this item?"
- 2) Discover the true/ full value of their request by learning about sales tax, shipping, and duty, or the safe transportation, snack and souvenir costs of attending a concert or sporting event (in addition to the ticket price) if they are asking for an experience versus an item.
- 3) Calculate a DIMS - Does It Make Sense?® Score, which is a number from 1-10 that helps them understand if a gift is more of a want (Score 1-6) or a need (Score 7-10).
- 4) Receive a shareable summary of all the math and thinking they have done which helps them graciously ask for the right gift, if that makes sense.
- 5) Receive a Gifting Sense pencil, with the reminder to ask the question "What's the DIMS Score?" before they buy something, printed right on the side.

Students will be able to forward a shareable summary of their work to parents, who can in turn forward it onto grandparents, aunts, or uncles...any of the extended family members who might normally buy them holiday or birthday gifts. This prevents the people who care about our students from wasting time and/or money purchasing items that may not be used or appreciated. The process we will be completing delivers a quick but meaningful burst of financial education, illustrates to children that some items are just too expensive to ask one person to pay for; as well as how advance planning and good manners can help them receive an item that they *will* really use and appreciate.

Thank you in advance for helping your child prepare for this exciting activity.

Sincerely, \_\_\_\_\_

PS: If you would like to know more about the organization we are working with to make this happen, please feel free to google [giftingsense.org](http://giftingsense.org). **Gifting Sense collects no personal information and is a free public good.**



We help people teach their kids to think before they buy.