

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 an award-winning not-for-profit organization 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 to prepare for our workshop.

Each participating student is going to be able to:

- 1) Research if they will really use and/or appreciate a possible purchase by answering 5-8 questions such as "How many times a month will I use/ wear this item?"
- 2) Discover the true/ full cost of a purchase 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 SCORE®, which is a number/ score from 1-10 that helps a child understand if a possible purchase makes sense for them and their family, before, any decisions are made. DIMS - Does It Make Sense?® SCORES are calculated by answering simple questions such as "Do I have a sibling or cousin who could use this piece of sports equipment when I am done with it?" or "Do I need this electronic because I am entering middle or high school?"
- 4) Receive a shareable summary of all the math and thinking they have done which helps them discuss a purchase with confidence, or graciously ask for a gift if that makes sense.
- 5) Receive a Gifting Sense pencil, with the reminder to use the DIMS SCORE® Calculator, before they buy something, printed right on the side.

Students will be able to forward the shareable summary 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 gifts that may not be used or appreciated.

The process we will be completing delivers a quick but meaningful burst of age-appropriate, "just-in-time", early financial education. It allows our students to experience first-hand how answering simple questions about typical childhood purchases (before anyone spends a dime), can help them avoid disappointment, reduce waste, and help protect the planet, all at once, for free.

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

Sincerely, _____.

NB: Gifting Sense collects no personal information and is a free public good.



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