An Elementary Approach to Academic Career Planning

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Session Description:

It’s never too early to begin career exploration with elementary students. The West Allis-West Milwaukee School District has successfully developed inquiry-driven, project-based career exploration units addressing many aspects of Academic and Career Planning by incorporating career exploration units into the curriculum at their elementary schools. The presenters will share resources for career exploration, include ideas for bringing in professionals for a career fair, discuss ways in which extracurricular clubs can include employability skills in the future workforce, and will have examples of student work to illustrate the process. The project-based learning assessments covered in this session includes the following aspects of ACP: identifying individual needs and wants, goal setting, career planning, and investigating post-secondary options as related to ACPs.
Learning Objectives

● Participants will be able to recognize ways in which to incorporate ACP lessons into existing school structures and schedules

● Participants will be able to collect ideas for creating a career fair

● Participants will learn ways in which extracurricular clubs can include employability skills for the future workforce
Career Interest
Kahoot!

https://kahoot.it/#/
Incorporate ACP lessons into school structures and schedules

Our School Wide Essential Question for the 2016-2017 School Year:
How do the belief and values of a diverse culture affect individuals and society?

Career Exploration Unit Essential Question for Technology Classes: How does a career choice impact the community around you?

Student Homerooms incorporate careers into reading, writing, and math the week of February 6-10th, 2017.

Sample Math Problem
Sylvia's income is 500 dollars per week. How much does Sylvia make every year?
Tech Unit Grades K-2  (revised from 16-17)

1. **Watch Community Helpers** on BrainPop JR and Play Speed Questions
   (30 seconds to ask and answer questions with a partner about what they learned from the video, rotate to next partner)

2. **Add Title Page** for Book Creator Book (e.g., Career Exploration by Jane S Grade K5 Mrs. Smith's class)

3. **Research Jobs in the Community** in PebbleGo > Social Studies >Jobs in the Community > Career Exploration
   Begin Page 2 In Book Creator Add Drawing and Label of One of the Jobs Explored in PebbleGo

4. PebbleGo Career Exploration Page 2 cont. **Add Job Title, Description, Tools Used** for job then **Record Audio**

5. PebbleGo Career Exploration Page 2 cont. **Copy and Paste Citation** from PebbleGo

6. PebbleGo Career Exploration Page 3 & 4 **Explore Second & Third Job**, Add Drawing, Label, Add Job Description, Tools, Record Audio and Copy and Paste Citation

7. **Collect all Citations and Alphabetize onto one Slide** (2nd grade)

8. **Partner Edit** Book Creator Book

9. **Share** Book Creator Book as Video to Photos, Email Book Creator Presentations to Technology Teacher and present

10. **Self-Reflect** using Rubric
Tech Unit Student Work Grades K-2 (revised from Keynote to Book Creator for 17-18)

Vinny K5
Career Exploration Inquiry Unit Presentation
Created in Keynote App on iPad

Abigail S 2nd Grade
Career Exploration Inquiry Unit Presentation
Created in Keynote App on iPad
1. **Play Career Interest Kahoot!**  [https://goo.gl/NguzMV](https://goo.gl/NguzMV)
2. **Take Career Interest Survey**  [https://goo.gl/forms/xoafcJscqZPtJC3A3](https://goo.gl/forms/xoafcJscqZPtJC3A3)
   Here is the link to the survey results to view:  [https://goo.gl/ZY6nCJ](https://goo.gl/ZY6nCJ)
   1) Please open Survey Results to view in Google Sheets.  2) Respond to Google Classroom Discussion Question: *Do you agree or disagree with the results of the survey?*
3. **Complete Tasks in the Google Doc PDF Editor** titled: Career Clusters Descriptions  [https://goo.gl/b1Dvu3](https://goo.gl/b1Dvu3)
   1) Put your first name and last initial on the line and write the name of your homeroom teacher.  2) Highlight the Career Cluster with the most points from the survey.  3) Then read the Career Cluster Description.  4) Highlight two Job Titles you find interesting in that Career Cluster.  5) Save the PDF and Turn In to Google Classroom.
5. **Complete Graphic Organizer** for Career Exploration:  [https://goo.gl/sqheJ5](https://goo.gl/sqheJ5)
   (Provide paper copy for students to fill out and store in class folder)
6. **Review Checklist**  [goo.gl/qTRofQ](https://goo.gl/qTRofQ) and **Rubric** (Paper copies for students to fill out and store in class folder)
7. **Modification for New Students:** Image Quest Intro, Keynote Intro, and Book Creator intro
8. **Students Choose App for Presentation:** Keynote or Book Creator Books
9. **Partner Edit** using **Checklist** and **Self-Assessment** using **Rubric**
10. **Submit Presentation** to Google Classroom and **Present**
Tech Unit Student Work Grades 3-5

Kenzie 5th Grade
Career Exploration Inquiry Unit Presentation
Created in Keynote App on iPad

Alyssa 5th Grade
Career Exploration Inquiry Unit Presentation
Created in Keynote App on iPad
Creating a Career Fair

Here is a sample schedule for our Career Fair. We focused on West Allis Based businesses and volunteer speakers within our school families.

To recruit speakers a Google Form posted on our Jefferson Facebook Page and our Jefferson School Website to attract career speakers. A Paper copy went home as well.

Career Vocabulary Word of the Day was read over announcements every morning.
Career Vocabulary - Word of the Day

Word of the Day over announcements every morning during our College and Career Week, February 6-10, 2017.

Monday - **career** - an occupation or profession (job), usually requiring special training
Tuesday - **employee** - one who works for another, usually for wages or salary (payment)
Wednesday - **skill** - a developed talent or ability
Thursday - **labor** - physical or mental effort
Friday - **reliability** - the ability to be dependable
Other Ideas for a Career Exploration

- K, 1, 2 Field Trip to downtown area to learn about wants and needs
- Take a city bus, taxi or train ride after exploring community helpers
- Students create interview questions for chosen career
- Students present *A day in the life of a* ……to families and community members dressed as career professionals
- Present information to other classes, parents, or other schools
- Students create trading card set with on their favorite careers
- Classes create Career Cluster Door Decorations
- Students identify careers are found in science and industry and then visit Chicago Science and Industry Museum

_Gwen 1st Grade_

“A Day in the Life of a Zoo Keeper”
Career Exploration Inquiry Unit Presentation at STEM Randall School in Waukesha
**Extracurricular clubs can include employability skills for the future workforce**

**IMC Club Expectations:** Attend all IMC Club meetings Thursdays from 3:30-4:45 and perform job daily. Wear IMC Club name-tag at meetings, while doing jobs, working at book fairs, and fundraisers. Sign in before working and get subs to cover when planning to be out.

**IMC Club Job List - Same Job every Day all Year**
(link to view Jobs and MOD schedule)
- Lab Start Up in AM 8:35 - 8:50
- Put Out Headphones 8:35 - 8:45
- Library Computer Start-Up 8:35 - 8:45
- Check in & Shelve 8:35 - 8:50
- Library Apple TV Start Up 8:35 - 8:45
- Blogger 3:15 - 3:25
- Library Computer Shut Down 3:20 - 3:30
- Library TV Shut Down 3:20 - 3:30
- Put Away Headphones 3:45 - 4:00
- Lab Shut Down 3:45 - 4:00
- Vending Machines 3:45 - 4:00

**Art Club Students:**
Students fill out job application prior to being accepted. Students work daily at their assigned times and duties to help art teacher such as:
- Sharpening Pencils
- Cleaning Brushes
- Painting Murals Around School

**Peer Mediators**
Assist students in problem solving and peer relations

**K4 Helpers**
Monitor Bathrooms and escort young students to office for pick ups and to after school activities

**Chess Club**
Use the game of chess to imparting life skills, character qualities, and the importance of a set of core values
# Resources Used in K-2 Unit

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<td>BrainPop Jr.</td>
<td>BrainPOP Jr. offers some free and some paid content geared for K-3 students. The site offers a library of movies and interactive features across six subjects: science, health, writing, reading, social studies, and math. Content includes short animated movies, leveled quizzes, activities, recommended grade-appropriate reading, writing and discussion prompts, and more. All content is aligned to and searchable by state standards.</td>
<td><a href="https://jr.brainpop.com/socialstudies/communities/communityhelpers/">https://jr.brainpop.com/socialstudies/communities/communityhelpers/</a></td>
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<td>PebbleGo</td>
<td>PebbleGo is a paid PreK-3 database for reading and research. The PebbleGo databases make learning and improving reading and research skills fun, building on children's interest.</td>
<td><a href="https://www.pebblego.com/modules/5/categories/5007">https://www.pebblego.com/modules/5/categories/5007</a></td>
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<td>Paws in Jobland</td>
<td>A paid subscription that takes elementary school students on a lively tour through the neighborhood of Jobland. Along the way, they learn how to identify personal interests and explore careers.</td>
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<td>EPIC!</td>
<td>A free eBook subscription service for kids that offers a variety of high-quality books.</td>
<td><a href="https://www.getepic.com/educators">https://www.getepic.com/educators</a></td>
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<td>My Next Move</td>
<td>A free interactive tool for students to learn more about their career options. My Next Move has tasks, skills, and salary information for a variety of different careers. Students can find careers through keyword search, by browsing industries that employ different types of workers, or through an interest survey that will offer personalized career options.</td>
<td><a href="https://www.mynextmove.org/">https://www.mynextmove.org/</a></td>
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<td>Thrively</td>
<td>A free website that helps kids find online and local activities that fit within their particular interests. The students begin by taking an interest survey and then thrively provides information to help kids learning more about certain topics.</td>
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<td>Trueflix</td>
<td>A paid subscription that offers units to supplement science and social studies curriculum. It is highly engaging and can be used in the classroom and at home.</td>
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<td>Knowitall.org</td>
<td>A free resource that features a wide assortment of media content, created by South Carolina ETV with a variety of partners for preK-12. A lot of the content has been optimized for tablets and mobile devices.</td>
<td><a href="https://www.knowitall.org/collections/career-explorations">https://www.knowitall.org/collections/career-explorations</a></td>
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<td>Careeronestop</td>
<td>A free video collection to learn about careers, industries, skills and abilities, or work options and education levels.</td>
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<td>Career Exploration Guides and Resources for younger students</td>
<td>A free resource to make existing career and technical online resources easier to find including: career exploration and college planning, tutorials and learning resources for vocational students, skills for today’s workforce, technical school locators, job market resources, career and tech ed resources, and vocational curriculum and lesson planning.</td>
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<td><strong>Britannica Careers-at-a-Glance</strong></td>
<td>A paid subscription service with safe, up-to-date, and age-appropriate information resource for Elementary, Middle, and High School.</td>
<td><a href="http://school.eb.com/levels/elementary/article/careers-at-a-glance/624653">http://school.eb.com/levels/elementary/article/careers-at-a-glance/624653</a></td>
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<td><strong>Career Zone</strong></td>
<td>A free site to explore careers related to your strengths, skills and talents. Careers are organized into six clusters: Arts and Humanities, Business and Information Systems, Engineering and Technology, Health Services, Natural and Agricultural Sciences, Human and Public Services. This site is geared for upper elementary, intermediate, and high school students.</td>
<td><a href="https://www.careerzone.ny.gov/views/careerzone/index.jsf">https://www.careerzone.ny.gov/views/careerzone/index.jsf</a></td>
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<td><strong>Kids.gov</strong></td>
<td>Kids.gov is the free official kids' portal for the U.S. government. We link kids, parents and teachers to information and services on the web from government agencies, schools, and educational organizations, all geared to the learning level and interest of kids. Kids.gov is organized into four audiences: Kids (Grades K-5), Teens (Grades 6-8), Teachers and Parents. Each audience tab is divided into educational subjects like Arts, Math, and History.</td>
<td><a href="https://kids.usa.gov/jobs/a-z-list/index.shtml">https://kids.usa.gov/jobs/a-z-list/index.shtml</a></td>
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<td><strong>PBS Kids: Real Scientists</strong></td>
<td>This free site gets kids started on their own inquiry investigations. The activities are developed with the National Science Teacher’s Association. They’re aligned with today’s science standards, and they’re ideal for the classroom or for after-school programs. Students select from a list of careers in the scientific world to learn about.</td>
<td><a href="http://pbskids.org/dragonflytv/scientists/index.html?eml=SLP/e/20170330/TrueFlix_AprilNewsletter//TakeMeThere">http://pbskids.org/dragonflytv/scientists/index.html?eml=SLP/e/20170330/TrueFlix_AprilNewsletter//TakeMeThere</a></td>
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