



Grade: 2nd

Subject: Math

Expectation(s): Can add and subtract with money (up to \$1.00)

Materials needed: *A Chair for My Mother*, by Vera B. Williams, hundreds board, assorted coins (pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters)

Lesson Description:

Read the story, *A Chair for My Mother*. In the story, the characters in the book save coins in a jar until they can afford to buy a new chair to replace the old one that had burned in a fire.

After you've finished with the story, ask them to imagine a similar scenario – they're saving coins to buy something for a family member. What would it be? How much would it cost and how many coins would they need to save to buy it?

Get out some coins and have your student identify each one as well as its value. Have your student create a chart showing how much each coin is worth and how many of each they would take to buy the item they've identified.

Teaching and learning tips/strategies:

- Encourage your student to pick something with a relatively low cost so they're able to count the coins they would need. Alternatively, whatever they choose, set its 'value' at \$1.00
- To extend the activity, have your student come up with different combinations of coins that they could use to buy their item, with the rule that they must use at least one of each coin
- Don't forget to praise your student's effort!