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Decisions for a Lifetime

Smart Financial Choices, from Seed to Shade

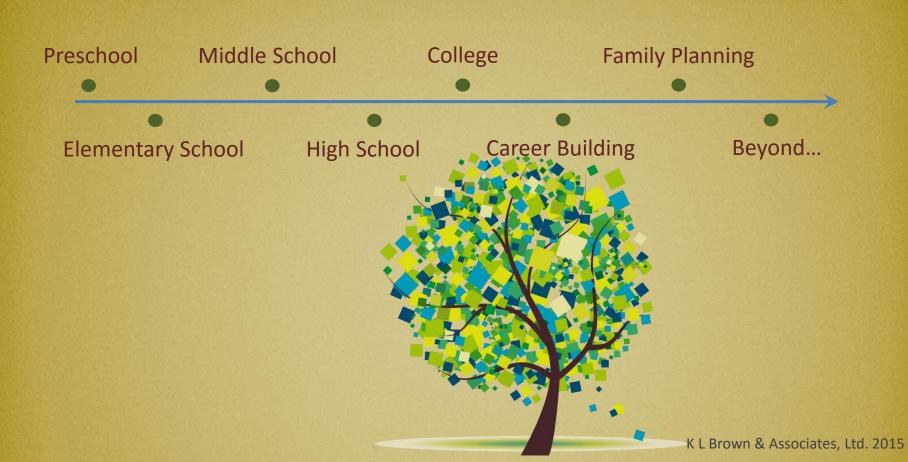


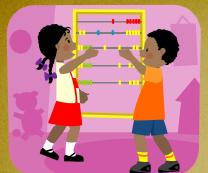
Smart financial decisions throughout a lifetime begin with building a foundation and continually reinforcing positive behaviors at every stage of life.

We hope you enjoy sharing these links with your kids and grandchildren as simple and entertaining tools to get them thinking and learning about the financial world around them.

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PRESCHOOL

Manage your allowance

Learn to add and subtract

Get a library card



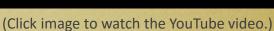
You may have to wait to buy something you want.





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Earn money

- Take out the garbage
- Wash cars or bikes
- Water plants outside
- Make and sell crafts
 - Can you think of other ways to earn money?

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Ask your parents to open a youth savings account





Go shopping with your mom or dad to learn about budgeting, prioritizing, comparison shopping, and label reading.

Set a savings goal to buy that big thing you've been wanting!





Start your own business:

- Babysit
- Tutor younger kids/siblings
- Make and sell crafts
- Open a lemonade stand



MIDDLE SCHOOL

Learn how to write a check & open a checking account.



Practice job interview skills



Start saving!





Understand the commercial world you live in by being alert to, and thinking critically about advertising. Let the Bureau of Consumer Protection and Federal Trade Commission teach you about advertising with their Admongo game:

http://www.admongo.gov/

HIGH SCHOOL

Gain understanding about credit and how to manage it, avoiding the temptations of impulsive spending and the traps laid forth by credit card companies. Staying out of debt while maintaining a good credit history is essential.





It can seem a daunting task preparing for college, but starting the process early, doing your homework, and asking a lot of questions can smooth the process and make your transition to college a lot easier. Having your finances in order will help you enjoy this time more too!

COLLEGE



A key to many financial doors in adulthood is your credit score. Learning how to manage it now will help keep obstacles out of your path down the road.

Start imagining life after school: . What type of work do you want to Should you apply for an internship now

What do you want your life to look like 1 . Where do you want to live? to gain experience? year after graduation? 5 years after?



CAREER BUILDING



- 1. Fight the urge to splurge
- 2. Understand the new rules
- 3. Do the car math
- 4. Keep (credit) score
- 5. Commit to good credit card habits

Enroll as soon as possible in retirement plans from your employer, if offered. If they offer a matching contribution, do everything you can to meet the conditions to receive it so you maximize your savings.



FAMILY PLANNING



Purchase life insurance and draft a living will, should the unthinkable occur.

FOR BROADER ECONOMIC PERSPECTIVE...



I, Pencil: The Movie





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