

Rock Creek Elementary

The Rocketeer

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Teaching Good Money Habits

Did you know our money habits were already established by the time we turned 7. That's why it's so important to teach kids how to save at an early age. There's a wonderfully simple formula financial experts recommend as a way to help kids develop good saving habits. It's called the **Spend Save Share** plan, and it's a helpful tool for teaching kids the fundamentals of finance, including:

- The value of money
- The importance of saving for the future
- The joy of sharing

All you have to do is help your child divide their income (allowance) into three buckets-one for spending, one for saving, and one for sharing with others. Then decide what percentage of each dollar earned you want to put into each bucket. Here's a suggestion:

- Spend – 50 percent** – Spending is a mindset. If kids get used to blowing every penny of their allowance right away, there's a good chance they'll carry this habit in adulthood.
- Save – 30 percent** – Kids learn a lot from the act of saving money. Saving up for a more expensive item teaches them powerful lessons about delayed gratification.
- Share – 20 percent** – Sharing is about feelings. When your child's compassion gets triggered by someone in need, their share bucket empowers them to lend a hand and do some good in the world. Kids naturally love helping others!

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S.T.A.R. Team Fundraiser

THE ROCK CREEK S.T.A.R. TEAM IS HAVING A FUNDRAISER FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE AUSTRALIAN WILDFIRES. S.T.A.R. TEAM MEMBERS WILL BE SELLING **VALENTINE CANDY GRAMS** THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 10-14, FROM 7:45-8:15 AM, IN THE SCHOOL LOBBY. EACH CANDY GRAM CONSISTS OF A LARGE VALENTINE CARD AND A LOLLIPOP, AND WILL COST \$1.00. STUDENTS MAY PURCHASE CANDY GRAMS FOR THEIR FRIENDS, TEACHERS, AND/OR FAMILY MEMBERS. ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO THE AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS.



Important Dates

- Feb. 8 – V.I.P. Winter Dance
- Feb. 10-14 – STAR Team Candy Gram Sale
- Feb. 17 – NO SCHOOL
- Feb. 25 - Spring Pictures