

# Save for a rainy day

Save more than you think you can. That way, you can pay for those unexpected things that come up.

In my first job at a health food store, I learned:

- Be on time
- Give all you have to your job
- People depend on you

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**FIELD TRAINING** Third- through fifth-grade students at P.I. Miller Elementary School in Indianapolis prepare to board NFI's new Kids Count on the Money Bus in May as the mobile financial literacy classroom and accompanying curriculum were piloted at five Indiana elementary schools. Students pause after their experience (inset).





# Ready *to* Roll

After successful piloting phase, NFI's new Money Bus prepares for busy fall schedule



**PAYING HIMSELF A P.I.** Miller Elementary fifth-grader writes himself a check to deposit into his account before boarding NFI's Kids Count on the Money Bus during a pilot session earlier this summer .

**S**INCE ITS DEBUT IN APRIL AT NFI'S INDIANA FINANCIAL LITERACY CONFERENCE, NFI'S NEW KIDS COUNT ON THE MONEY BUS HAS HAD A BUSY SUMMER SCHEDULE. WORKING WITH INDIANA STATE'S COLLEGE OF EDUCATION — SPECIFICALLY DR. KEVIN BOLINGER — NFI IDENTIFIED ROSEDALE ELEMENTARY IN ROSEDALE, IND., VALLEY MILLS ELEMENTARY NEAR INDIANAPOLIS AND PAUL I. MILLER ELEMENTARY, AN INDIANAPOLIS PUBLIC SCHOOL, AS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHOOLS TO CONDUCT PILOTS OF THE MONEY BUS PROGRAM.

TEACHERS FROM VERITAS ACADEMY IN SOUTH BEND, IND., LINCOLN ELEMENTARY IN EAST CHICAGO, IND., AND SOUTH KNOX ELEMENTARY IN VINCENNES, IND., WHO ATTENDED NFI'S 2006 INDIANA FINANCIAL LITERACY CONFERENCE IN APRIL ALSO VOLUNTEERED TO HELP NFI PILOT THE PROGRAM.

NFI was able to test the program, which targets third- through fifth-grade students with a spectrum of schools that encompassed urban and rural settings, were privately and publicly funded and that were located in the northern, central and southern areas of the state.

NFI's Kids Count curriculum used in the classroom before students experience the Money Bus was designed by Words and Numbers Inc. of Baltimore, Md., in conjunction with Dr. Priscilla Wolfe, director of Indiana State University's Leadership Development Institute, NFI leaders and many contributing educators.

An NFI pilot facilitator and educators coordinate Money Bus activities at each school.

The pilot programs proved invaluable in many ways, said NFI Director of Outreach David Godsted.

"NFI has always viewed its Kids Count financial literacy curriculum as the most important piece of a visit by the Money Bus," he said. "Thorough, insightful feedback from teachers and students combined with staff and consultant observation allowed us to greatly refine the curriculum and in some ways rethink the way that schools



**INSIDE THE CLASSROOM**  
NFI Executive Director Elizabeth Coit (above, at right) leads the classroom portion of NFI's Kids Count curriculum at a Money Bus pilot program this summer at Paul I. Miller Elementary in Indianapolis. Students (left) are introduced to the concepts of creating their own individual bank accounts and how to manage their money while on board the Money Bus.

Step two: Top it!

Choose your toppings by pressing the pictures of the ones you want.

SPRINKLES

WHIPPED CREAM

MYSTERY

IT'S A MYSTERY



Stop 4: What on again

A budget is your plan for how you will spend your money. You have set short-term and long-term goals for your summer job. You have set short-term and long-term goals for a visit to the Money Bus where you can spend your money. Now decide how much of your \$160.00 you will spend.

1. What job did you choose? *paid rate for neighbor*
2. How much did you earn? *\$110.00*

How Much Will You Spend on the Money Bus?

Money Bus Activity	How Will You Pay For It?	Column B Amount Needed to Play	Options: Extra things you can buy (Circle the ones you want)	Column D Amount for items wanted
Photo Booth	Cash only	Free for kids, teens, adults	<input type="checkbox"/> Magazine cover \$4.00 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 items, \$10.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Award, \$10.00	10.00
4. Arcade	Debit only	\$2.00	None	9.00
5. Donations	Debit only	\$1.00	1. No donation 2. Donate \$4.00 to charity 3. Donate \$9 to charity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hot fudge \$0.10 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Whipped cream \$0.10 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sprinkles \$0.10 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mystery topping 1: \$0.50 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mystery topping 2: \$0.50 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cherry \$0.20	11.00
6. Ice cream	Debit only	\$2.00	None	
7. Wild Racer	Debit only	\$2.00	None	
8. Admission ticket	Check only	\$7.50	None	
9. Total you				

INSERT CARD



**CHECKING HER LIST** A fifth-grader buys a photo of herself aboard NFJ's Money Bus during the program's pilot at P.I. Miller Elementary in Indianapolis.