Pit Rules

- Research on http://www.reuters.com/finance/stocks
- Find a stock and write the ticker symbol and the name of the company on all 9 cards.
- Cut up your cards and hand them to the dealer.
- Deal cards.
- Pick up your cards and arrange them by ticker symbol. Be sure no one else can see them.
- While arranging your cards, decide which stock you will try to get the most of.
- After everyone has had a chance to sort his or her cards, the dealer announces, "The Exchange is open."
- When the dealer announces "The Exchange is open" begin to trade the cards that have the stock you do not want.
- Hold up the cards so the ticker symbol does not show and call, "Trade One! One!" or "Trade Two! Two!" etc., depending on the number of cards you wish to trade.
- You may trade cards with any opponent who is calling out the same number. Sometimes a particular opponent will want to trade fewer cards than you do. In this case, you may lower your bid and trade the smaller number.
- Continue trading until one player gets 9 cards with the same ticker symbol.
- If you get all 9 cards with the same ticker symbol, hit the bell and call out, "Winner of Apple!" (or whatever the stock may be).

Pit Cards

- Write the Ticker symbol of the stock of your choice on each card
- Cut out cards

What will you use the money for? \$20,000



Dear Parent,

As Virginia Credit Union's Financial Education Director, I have been privileged to work with your student's school to teach basic money management skills. In class, we have covered a variety of financial topics that relate to everyday life. Students learned the importance of budgeting, saving and planning for the future. They also were taught the basics of car buying and understanding how to rent or buy a home. Students researched careers and learned about income taxes. Investing terms were introduced. Students role-played and used computers to research financial information that will help them now and in the future.

At Virginia Credit Union, we believe that understanding the basics of personal finance is critical to our young people's financial future. We want to encourage them to save and develop these important financial life skills at a young age. If your student develops good savings habits early on, he or she will hopefully continue as an adult.

Thank you for helping your student continue to learn about sound money management. Please contact us if you have questions or if we can be of service to you in any way. It is exciting to work with teenagers and see them apply what they have learned. I am honored to have had the opportunity to work with them.

Sincerely.

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