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## EIGHTH GRADERS GET A FIRSTHAND LESSON ON THE STOCK MARKET

As our 8th graders began to learn about the excitement of the “Roaring 20’s” and its booming economy, many of the the students were curious about questions that begged for more in-depth study. Some of their questions included: “What is the stock market?”; “How does it work?”; “How do people make money from the stock market?” Rather than lecturing the students on the ins-and-outs of the stock market, students were given a chance to learn about it firsthand. After breaking up into small groups, students were given the opportunity to invest an imaginary \$5,000 into the stock market. We followed their chosen stocks for two weeks, watching stocks rise and fall rapidly, while strategically buying and selling to make profits. Our classes utilized the brand new Middle School Technology Lab for the project. Students have been deeply engaged in this learning endeavor, doing their due diligence before buying stocks as they examine individual stocks’ history and their ability to turn a profit.

