

# Money in the Bank – Grades 2-5.

Young bankers and storekeepers practice counting money and making change. They keep their money in this recycled-box bank



In many countries, coins come in several different denominations. Each coin has a specific size and design that makes it distinct. Invite students to examine a U.S. penny, nickel, dime, quarter, and half-dollar closely (or similar coins in any currency). With Crayola® Colored Pencils, students write and draw the pictures and words seen on each coin. Encourage students to find out about the presidents or other images on the coins' faces using available classroom resources.

Each coin represents a specific amount of money. Place a penny on the table. Ask students to place the correct number of Crayola Crayons on the table to represent the value of the penny. Place a nickel on the table, and repeat the process for the value of the nickel. Continue this activity as needed. Encourage students to show that they know the relationship between one coin and another by trading five pennies (five crayons) for a nickel (five crayons) and making similar exchanges.

Students trace coins with Crayola Metallic FX Crayons, and write the correct denomination on the front and back of each coin (10 cents for a dime, 25 cents for a quarter). Encourage students to make several coins of each denomination. Use Crayola Scissors to cut out each coin.

Students decorate an envelope with Crayola Washable Markers to hold their coins. Use numerals, symbols, and pictures related to money.

Find a recycled shoe box to make one or more class banks for your coin envelopes. Cover the box with construction paper. Cut paper decorations or draw symbols of money on the bank. Use a Crayola Glue Stick to attach the cover and its decorations. Label the box lid with the name of the class bank.

Set up a pretend business, such as a store, restaurant, bank, or outdoor market in your classroom. Students use coins to pay for purchases and make change.

**Supplies Needed: A box, construction paper, Erasable Colored Pencils, Glue Sticks, Metallic Crayons, Pointed Tip Scissors, Washable Markers**