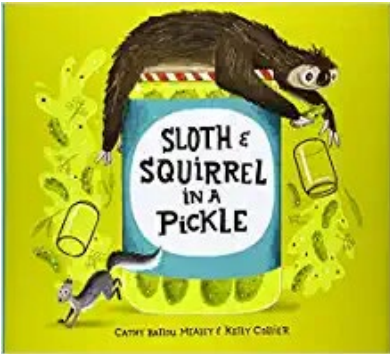


## Sloth & Squirrel in a Pickle



**Author:** Cathy Ballou Mealy, illus. by Kelly Collier

**Book Summary:** "Though Sloth and Squirrel are good friends, they have different ways of doing things --- and different speeds of doing them. So, when Squirrel gets them jobs as pickle packers to earn money for a new bike, things don't go according to plan..."

**Ages:** 3-7

**Length:** 32 pages

**Grades:** PK-2

**ISBN:** 978-1-525-30238-1

**Lexile Rating:** 510L

**Online Read-aloud:** [Shamiya Hicks \(5:27\)](#)

[VCEE's Reading Makes Cents \(8:01\)](#)

Washington State Financial Education Standards	Grades K-2	Grades 3-5
SS: Spending & Saving CD: Credit & Debt EI: Employment & Income I: Investing RM: Risk Management & Insurance FD: Financial Decision-Making	SS: Develop a plan for saving and spending EI: Explore job and career options RM: Identify common types of risks and basic risk management methods FD: Analyze the requirements of contractual obligations	EI: Explore job and career options EI: Compare sources of personal income and compensation RM: Identify common types of risks and basic risk management methods FD: Analyze the requirements of contractual obligations
Washington State K-12 SEL Standards and Benchmarks	Self	Social
	Self-Awareness: Benchmark 1B Self-Efficacy: Benchmarks 3A, 3B	Social Management: Benchmark 5A Social Engagement: Benchmark 6B, 6C

### Lesson: [Sloth & Squirrel in a Pickle: Using Children's Literature to Teach Economic Concepts](#)

**Summary:** (Three 20-30 minute lessons) Discussion questions (pages 36-37), and three lessons on human capital, producers and consumers, and specialization. All lessons include teacher guides, activities, worksheets, [slide presentation](#), and discussion questions. Lessons can stand alone or be presented as a unit.

**Grade:** K-3

**Source:** [Your Economic Success](#)

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### Lesson: [Invest in Yourself](#)

**Summary:** (30 minutes) Digital story on investing in your human capital. Pre- and post-test and glossary.

**Grade:** K-5

**Additional Washington Learning Standards:**  
Not Listed

**Source:** [EconLowDown](#)

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## Lesson: [Grade 4-5 Lessons \(Dual Language worksheets\)](#)

**Summary:** (Four 40-minute lessons) Teacher guide and student worksheets in English and Spanish on [meeting financial goals](#); [saving, spending, and giving back](#); [understanding salaries and wages](#); and [other types of income](#). Lessons can stand alone or be presented as a unit.

**Grade:** 4-5

**Source:** [Hands on Banking](#)

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**Additional Washington Learning Standards:**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Math: 4.MD.A.2 (Lessons 3, 4)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math: 5.NBT.A.3, 5.NF.B.6 (Lessons 3, 4)

## Resource: [Explore Economics Video Series](#)

**Summary:** Short animated videos on [consumers and producers](#), [goods and services](#), [productivity](#), and [scarcity](#).

**Grade:** K-5

**Source:** [EconLowdown](#)

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