

Consumer Economics and Balancing a Checkbook

prep time = 10 minutes (copying)

activity time = 20 minutes

Colorado Math Standard 6.5

CASAS Competencies:

1.8.2 – Interpret the procedures and forms associated with banking services, including writing checks

6.1.1 – Add whole numbers

6.1.2 – Subtract whole numbers

6.2.2 – Subtracting decimal fractions

Skills for Children: (Not recommended for children in grades less than second)

Addition and subtraction skills

Reading a calendar

Taking turns

Writing skills (if checks are used and written)

Supplies Needed:

1. game board
2. copy of check register for each player or family group
3. beans or other place markers
4. spinner or number cube for movement
5. blank, sample checks if desired
6. calculator (if desired)
7. pencils

Vocabulary:

check

register

add

subtract

prescription

laundry

taking turns

General Directions:

Decide in advance if players need to write checks to spend their money.

If playing with younger children, play money could be used to practice counting and giving change.

A sample check register may be written and included to demonstrate how the register works.

Players roll a number cube or spin to move their marker on the calendar.

If players land on every square, their checkbook total will be negative.

The player who finishes the month with the most money in their account is the winner.

ABE Connection: Have students make a pie chart of how the money was spent for the month. Students can write questions and exchange charts with others for extra practice.

My Name	00	__	__
My Address	Date	_____	
Pay to the			
Order Of	_____	\$	_____
_____			Dollars
The Bank 3456 Line Street Any Town, CO 80987			
Memo	_____	_____	_____
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April Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Start with \$1,000.00	2 Shopping with kids. Spend \$154.12	3 Lemonade stand \$1.75	4 Doctor visit \$25.00	5 Need a prescription \$23.74	6 Pay for school lunches \$13.50
7 Stayed home didn't spend money	8 Paid utilities \$143.29	9 Purchased school pictures \$19.50	10 Rent due \$475.00	11 Found \$20 in jeans pocket	12 Movie night \$26.89	13 Lunch with family \$28.93
14 Order more checks \$13.75	15 Baby shower gift \$5.25	16 Grocery shopping \$74.12	17 Need a doughnut and coffee \$2.36	18 Books for school \$4.25	19 Rent videos \$11.90	20 Out with friends \$38.00
21 Farmer's market \$17.45	22 Flowers for mom \$6.36	23 Bonus at work for meeting deadline \$25.00	24 Grocery shopping \$32.36	25 Order lunch at work \$7.65	26 Find a big yard sale \$10.27	27 Gift from sister \$28.00
28 Stayed home and spent no money	29 Grocery shopping \$41.97	30 Phone bill due \$34.89	You made it! How much money do you have left?			