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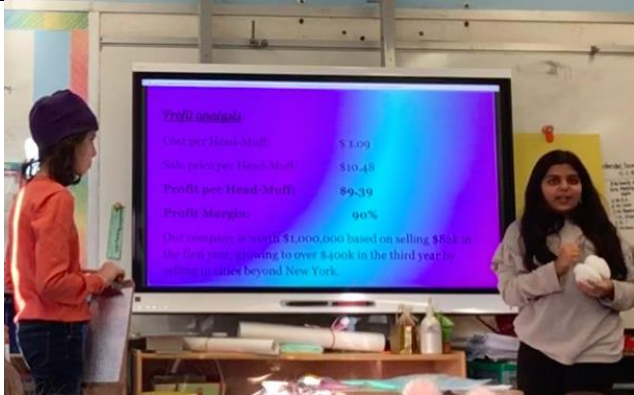
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Financial Literacy

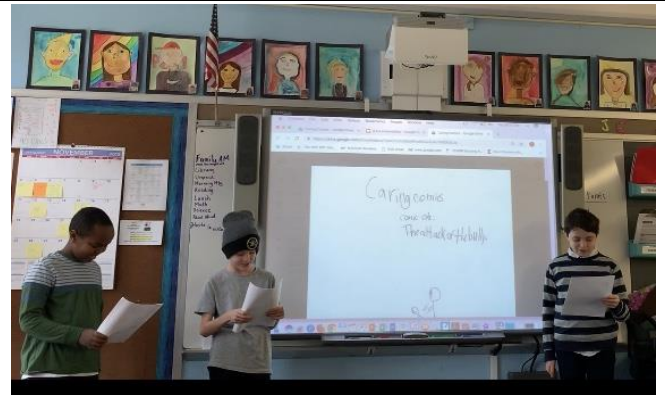
This year, PS 41 piloted a financial literacy study in 5th grade. This project originated from collaborative discussions with parents over the need to prepare students for the rapidly changing world and job market. Following a year and a half of research and curriculum development, we launched the study this fall.

We began with a baseline assessment and then commenced on a journey of nine financial literacy subtopics, including budgeting, loans, interest, managing credit, as well as the affordances and drawbacks of interest. The study culminated with group projects in which all students had to create a small business and then pitch their product or service to the community. Students learned about business loans, how to analyze profit margins, and got a glimpse of the demands of a start-up.

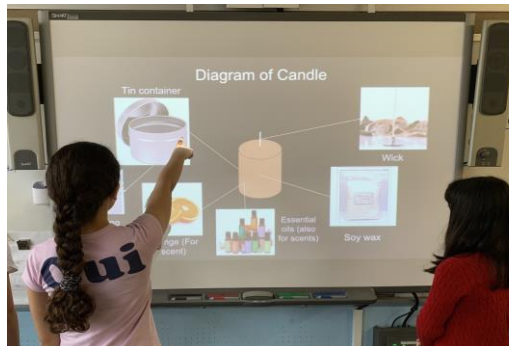
It was wonderful to see how motivated and engaged students were in this study, and see the ownership they took in their small business projects. The family feedback was similarly positive, and we are currently in the planning stages of an optional enrichment program for the spring.



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