

# HOME CONNECTS





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## **Social-Emotional Learning Objectives:**

- Understanding what a carbon footprint is, and how to take responsibility for reducing it.
- Using the imagination to see how the outcomes of decisions form character, habits, and destiny.
- Learning the value of borrowing, spending, saving, and investing.

### **Let's Chat Conversation Questions:**

- Give three examples of doing something righteous and kind.
- Describe your feelings after completing these acts of kindness.
- If you choose to do something you're not proud of, how does it affect your mood? Your day?

### Respectful Ways Q&A:

- Q: What are some ways our decisions affect us?
- A: They reveal what we value, they form our character, they bring about consequences.
- Q: Why might it not be a good idea to charge to a credit card?
- A: If you don't pay it off, the interest compounds, and you pay much more over time.

## **Home Connects Activity Ideas:**

- Evaluate your household's carbon footprint. There are numerous sites to turn to such as: https://www3.epa.gov/carbon-footprint-calculator/. Make changes together to reduce this footprint.
- Using Monopoly money, have students pick stocks and "invest" their savings. Follow the earnings and losses of these stocks day by day.
- Have every member of your family identify a good habit they'd like to build on, and a bad habit they'd like to eliminate. Talk about the short- and longterm effects of each. Commit to practicing and changing these habits, and keep each other accountable to do so.