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When students enter 6th grade, they learn all about the 16 National Career Clusters to help them explore all the cool opportunities out there for them in the world of work! You can help them learn about each career cluster by trying fun activities for each cluster.

Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources

- Set up a Veterinarian office
- Help clean/groom a dog
- Plant flowers
- Inspect plants, fruits, & vegetables
- Compare soil types
- Pick up litter or landscape school grounds
- Measure plant growth and changes
- Visit a farm, park, or animal shelter

Architecture & Construction

- Build with blocks
- Build with mini marshmallows and toothpicks
- Draw a map of school, room, neighborhood,
- Use pretend tools
- Show real tools

Arts, A/V Technology & Communications

- Create photo art
- Create a sculpture out of clay
- Create a family news show /newspaper
- Visit a newspaper publishing office
- Paint a picture/make a book

Business, Management & Administration

- Practice Keyboarding
- Interview others about careers
- Have a business dress up day
- File and classify items such as paperclips etc.

Education & Training

- teach a lesson
- create lesson plans
- grade each other's papers
- Interview a teacher
- teach a special skill to class
- Pair older child with younger child as tutors

Finance

- Take turns counting money for ice cream/ lunch each day
- Create pretend check books
- Set up budget
- Set up a pretend bank for rewards

Government & Public Administration

- Create a pretend post office
- Create a proposed school addition plan for fun such as a "water park", theme park, carnival area, sports center, etc.
- Run a mock campaign for different types of snacks/ice cream choices to have in the house

Health Sciences

- Learn about the body
- Measure each other's height, weight, shoe size, record eye color, hair color, etc.
- Teach basic first aid
- Set up a microscope to view skin cells, hair, fibers, etc.

Hospitality & Tourism

- Look at brochures from a travel agency
- Plan a pretend trip/restaurant
- Discuss travel destinations

Human Services

- Make cards for a nursing home/serve food at shelters
- Discuss bullying/conflict resolution strategies

Information Technology

- Have child share their favorite games
- Take apart an old computer
- Create a pod cast or website

Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security

- Learn about local fish and game laws
- Play detectives to solve pretend mysteries with real evidence
- Visit fire/police departments

Manufacturing

- Investigate the way common items are made such as crayons, paper, chalk, pencils (videos are usually available at public libraries)
- Talk about packaging
- Discuss different materials that make up items such as plastic, steel, gold, etc.

Marketing, Sales & Service

- Create a video commercial
- Draw an advertisement
- Arrange silk flowers
- Have a bake sale
- Make jewelry out of beads, leather, etc. •Create a hair salon stylist shop
- Make over a room
- Design school spirit wear

STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering & Math

- Conduct simple science experiments for kids www.sciencemadesimple.com/
- Make a map of the stars
- Learn about different kinds of engineers

Transportation, Distribution, & Logistics

- Create hands on transportation centers with toy vehicles
- Create a play train station, marina, airport using play schedules, tickets, announcements etc.
- Visit transportation centers
- Learn about subways/shipping centers

**HAVE FUN
EXPLORING THE...**

