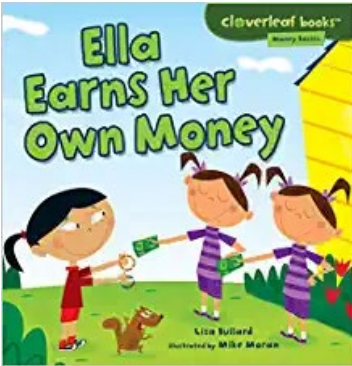


## Ella Earns Her Own Money



**Author:** Lisa Bullard, illus. by Mike Moran

**Book Summary:** "Ella really wants a soccer ball. But she doesn't have enough money to buy one. So she decides to earn her own money. Ella cleans the car for her mom, gives the neighbor's dog a bath, and sells bracelets to her friends to earn cash. Will she have enough money to buy the ball in the end?"

**Ages:** 5-8

**Length:** 24 pages

**Grades:** K-2

**ISBN:** 978-1-58246-112-0

**Lexile Rating:** 490L

**Online Read-aloud:** [The Bookworms \(4:49\)](#)

[VA Credit Union \(8:30\)](#)

| Washington State Financial Education Standards  | Grades K-2  | Grades 3-5   |
|---|---|--|
| SS: Spending & Saving<br>CD: Credit & Debt<br>EI: Employment & Income<br>I: Investing<br>RM: Risk Management & Insurance<br>FD: Financial Decision-Making | SS: Develop a plan for spending and saving<br>SS: Apply consumer skills to spending and saving decisions<br>EI: Compare sources of personal income and compensation<br>FD: Make criterion-based financial decisions by systematically considering alternatives and consequences | SS: Develop a plan for spending and saving<br>SS: Apply consumer skills to spending and saving decisions<br>FD: Make criterion-based financial decisions by systematically considering alternatives and consequences |
| Washington State K-12 SEL Standards and Benchmarks  | Self  | Social   |
|   | Self-Awareness: Benchmark 1B<br>Self-Management: Benchmarks 2A-B<br>Self-Efficacy: Benchmark 3A   | Social Awareness: Benchmarks 4A-B  |

### Resource: [Ella Earns Her Own Money Parent Reading Guide](#)

**Summary:** Discussion questions (page 8), key ideas and at-home activity suggestions.

**Grade:** Ages 5-8+

**Source:** [Dollars During Development Program \(University of Wisconsin-Madison\)](#)

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### Resource: [Ella Earns Her Own Money Coloring & Writing Pages](#)

**Summary:** A coloring page and writing prompt sheet.

**Grade:** Ages 5-8+

**Source:** [Financial Success for Kids \(VA Credit Union\)](#)

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### Lesson: [Ella Earns Her Own Money Resource Relay Race](#)

**Summary:** Students learn about natural, human, and capital resources, and play an interactive puzzle game in teams of three.

**Grade:** 3-5

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

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**Additional Washington Learning Standards:**  
Not listed

### Lesson: [Money Basics Teaching Guide](#)

**Summary:** This four-lesson guide takes students through financial education basics. [Lily Learns About Wants and Needs](#) is the only book explicitly included (Lesson 3).

**Grade:** K-2

**Source:** [Lerner Publishing Group](#)

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**Additional Washington Learning Standards:**  
• ELA: CCRA.1, CCRA.2, CCRA.3

### Lesson: [Earning Money](#)

**Summary:** (45-60 minutes) Students listen to *Ella Earns Her Own Money* and color pictures showing jobs that kids could do to earn money.

**Grade:** K-2

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**Additional Washington Learning Standards:**  
Not listed

### Resource: [Bouncing Ball Spending Game](#)

**Summary:** (15-20 minutes) Use a soccer ball in this kinesthetic learning activity where students answer spending questions while tossing a ball in a circle.

**Grade:** K-5

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