**HOW DO YOU BEGIN THE YEAR?**

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**Lesson Objective**: Classroom Economy – Students learn about applying for a job and managing money.

**4 - 5 Sentence Description of Your Strategy/Idea/Activity**:

Each student completes an application for a classroom job (such as clerk, banker, janitor, etc) and attaches a letter of recommendation from a family member.  Students are paid each month for doing their jobs.  Students keep bank accounts of bonus money (for good grades, attendance and improvement) and fines (late work).

Students pay rent on their desks and chairs or may buy their desk and chair.

Each month students may participate in an auction, where they sell homemade items or buy items.

**Books/Resources/Materials Used:**

Teach Like Your Hair Is On Fire

Scholastic Classroom Economy

**Time Required:** ongoing throughout the school year

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