

First State Bank Kids Club Newsletter



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A NEW HOBBY

Hey Kids,

I want to introduce you to a really cool hobby. It involves treasure, history, and math. You'll need to keep your eyes open and have someplace safe to store the treasure. Can you guess the hobby? Coin collecting!

A coin collector is called a numismatist (new-miz-ma-tist). Numismatists don't just collect coins, paper money, and medals. They also study them to learn the history and value.

It's really easy to start a coin collection if you want to give it a try. Decide what you would like to collect, such as state quarters, presidential dollars, one of each coin since the year you were born, or select one coin to collect from every year it has been made. Then look for loose change or check out your piggy bank to start looking for those coins.

Talk to your family about your new hobby and see if anyone else wants to get involved. Ask the First State Bank tellers if they have a special coin you are trying to find. As you find coins, set aside the ones you want to study and collect, then put the rest in your First State Bank Kids Club or Dollars Savings account.

Have fun and remember to keep saving along the way!

Your Friend,



Dollars the Dog



Parents & Guardians Section

DOLLARS AND \$ENSE

Sharing a hobby with your child is a great way to spend quality time working toward a common goal and learning together. Use the opportunity to open the door for communication to learn about other things going on in your child's life.

Help your child start a coin collection by going through pocket change or his or her piggy bank to select what to collect. Collect something simple or that doesn't take much of an investment, like nickels or pennies.

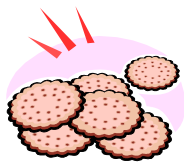
There are resources available to guide you and your child in coin collecting. Check out the internet for ideas of what to collect or to research the history of the coins.

Coin value books, such as **The Official Red Book** by Whitman Publishing, are updated each year with current values of the coins so you can research more about your child's collection. There are also books about coin collecting just for kids. Take your child to the library or local bookstore to search for helpful resources.

Teach your child to handle coins with care and store them in a safe place. If collecting coins to keep for collector value, consider wearing cotton gloves while handling coins to keep them from getting finger prints or becoming tarnished. You can purchase coin sleeves, pages and holders just for the collection or store them in acid-free boxes or envelopes.

What and how to collect are up to you and your child. Have fun learning and collecting together!

RANCH CRACKERS



Ask an adult to help with the oven and be careful while baking. Let cool before eating.

Ingredients

- 1/4 c vegetable oil
- 1 package ranch dressing mix
- 1/2 t dill weed
- 16 oz oyster crackers

Directions

Pour crackers in a gallon-size plastic storage bag. Pour oil over crackers. Seal bag and toss until coated. Add ranch and dill then seal and toss again. Pour crackers on an ungreased baking sheet and bake at 250 degrees for 15-20 minutes or until golden brown.

Yields About 8 cups

SIDEWALK PAINT



Make your own sidewalk paint and get creative outside. To make each color you will need:

- 1/4 c cornstarch
- 1/4 c cold water
- 6-8 drops food coloring
- Jar or cups
- Paintbrush(es)

Mix cornstarch and cold water together in a small plastic bowl. Add food coloring and stir. Make a variety of colors and have fun!

WHAT'S ON A COIN?

How well do you know the parts of a coin? Next to each part of a coin write the letter to the definition.

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| 1. Motto ___ | A. Letter noting where coin is made |
| 2. Date ___ | B. Blank space |
| 3. Rim ___ | C. How much the coin is worth |
| 4. Portrait ___ | D. Phrase in quotes |
| 5. Image ___ | E. Front side of coin |
| 6. Field ___ | F. Edge of the coin |
| 7. Legend ___ | G. When the coin was issued |
| 8. Mint Mark ___ | H. Back side of coin |
| 9. Value ___ | I. Historical or meaningful picture |
| 10. Obverse ___ | J. Picture of person on the coin |
| 11. Reverse ___ | K. Name of the country |

Now look at some coins and search for all of these parts!

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these 10 words about U.S. coins and the parts of a coin? Count the money in your piggy bank to see how much of each coin you have!

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| Date | Nickel |
| Dime | Penny |
| Dollar | Portrait |
| Half | Quarter |
| Mint Mark | Rim |

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