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Lesson Title: Cool Careers

State Standards: Career Education and Work 13.1.3 A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H
13.2.3 B,D,E

Lesson Essential Question: How can my current learning and my interests and hobbies influence my future career?

What do students need to know and be able to do to answer the LEQ?

1. Identify individual interests and abilities
2. Identify individual dislikes
3. Find careers that match their interests and abilities

Key Vocabulary: interest, career, salary,

Activating Strategy- Have students list as many jobs as they can in a two minute time span. With a partner, share lists and job ideas. Have students add to their personal lists. Read Maybe You Should Fly a Jet by Theo. LeSieg. Give students an opportunity to expand their lists with additional careers mentioned in the book.

Teaching Strategies/Instruction: Model with students how some of the jobs depicted in the book would not be jobs you would consider because of aspects of that job you would dislike. (For example, a trapeze flier or a construction worker who works on skyscrapers should not be fearful of heights.) Discuss that having a job that is interesting and matches the interests and abilities you have makes the job more satisfying.

Discuss how different jobs use different skills and work habits to be successful in those jobs. Choose a job and list some skills and work habits that would be important to be successful at that job.

Introduce the WEB site “What Do You Like?” www.bls.gov/k12/ to the students. Demonstrate how clicking on an area of interest leads to possible career choices that pertain to the interest. Allow students to explore the site, reading about the different careers, what the job is like, how to prepare for the career, how much the job pays, how many jobs are available in that area, the future job prospects and related careers. Also give students the option of exploring the following sites that present careers:

Fun Jobs http://www.kids.gov/k_5/k_5_careers.shtml

Kids Work! <http://www.knowitall.org/kidswork/>

Careers for Kids <http://www.kathimitchell.com/careers.htm>

Careers A-Z <http://www.bls.gov/k12/azlist.htm>

Summarizing Strategy: Have students choose a job that is of interest to them and write at least two reasons why they would consider that as a future career.

Responses can be compiled into a class book.