

Activity: PowerPoint Portfolio

Activity Objective:

Students will develop PowerPoint presentations based on their portfolios from the Stock Market Game. Students will use the skills and knowledge related to the Stock Market, Math, Technology, English, and Public Speaking.

Materials:

- Computers with PowerPoint
- Copies of the handout "Presentation Directions"
- A projector that will allow students to project their project is helpful but not necessary

Note to teachers:

Depending on the ability of your class, you can add additional requirements for the presentation. This activity is an excellent way to work on computer skills. Consider teaming up with a technology/resource person in order to make this a true cross-curricular project.

Procedure:

1. Give each Stock Market Team a copy of the handout "Presentation Directions." OR you may make up your own instructions.
2. Assign each team one of the following Stock Market Concepts and tell them that they will be responsible for "teaching" this concept to the class during their presentation:

"Penny Stocks"	Buying on Margin	Short Sell
Short Cover	"Buy Low, Sell High"	Investor
"Bull Market"	"Bear Market"	Stock
Dividend	Blue Chip Stocks	Day Trader
Ticker Symbol		

3. Allow each team computer time to work on their presentation. This can be done as homework but the team will need some class time to put it all together.
4. After the projects are completed, allow each group to present their projects to the class. You might want to pass out and discuss the handout "Some Presentation Do's and Don'ts."
6. This is a wonderful project to share with Principals and Parents, just be sure to have students practice before you invite all of your guests.

Presentation Directions

You are going to be developing a presentation for your classmates that will share your SMG strategies, what you learned, and a little about your portfolio. Your teacher will let you know which concept you will be responsible for teaching to your classmates.

Step 1

Analyze your stock portfolio and determine each of the following:

1. Which stock made the most money for your team? What was its purchase price? What was its selling price? (or ending price if you did not sell it before the end of the game) What percent profit did you make on this stock?
2. Which stock made the least amount of money for your team, perhaps even lost money for your team? What was its purchase price? What was its selling price? (or ending price if you did not sell it before the end of the game) What percent profit did you make on this stock?
3. Which stock would you recommend to someone looking for investment opportunities? It might not necessarily be the stock that made the most money for you during the ten-week game.
4. Did you have any stocks that surprised you? One you thought would do well but didn't or one that did really well but that you didn't purchase because you didn't expect it to do well.

Step 2

Before you begin making your slides there are some things that your group must decide.

1. Do you want to have a theme? For instance if you use an "Academy Awards theme" you might give your best stock the "Best Picture Award." You do NOT have to have a theme, but it can make it a fun presentation.
2. Decide on a title for your presentation.
3. Are you going to use clip-art, backgrounds, and transitions? If so, is there someone in your group who knows how to do this?

Step 3

You will develop a PowerPoint presentation that has at least 7 slides. It is okay if some “slides” actually require more than 1. You may not use more than 10 total.

Slide 1- Make a title slide that gives the name of your presentation and lists the members of your group.

Slide 2- Make a slide about the stock that made the most money (or lost the least) for your team. Be sure to include:

- Name of the stock
- Purchase price
- Sale price (or end of game price if you did not sell it)
- Percent return the stock made

Slide 3- Make a slide about the stock that lost the most money (or made the least) for your team. Be sure to include:

- Name of the stock
- Purchase price
- Sale price (or end of game price if you did not sell it)
- Percent return the stock made or lost

Slide 4- Which stock would you recommend to someone looking for investment opportunities? It does not have to be one you purchased. Be sure to include:

- Name of the stock
- Ticker Symbol
- A little information on the company (what business are they in?)
- 3 reasons why you think it is a good investment

Slide 5- Did you have any stocks that surprised you? One you thought would do well but didn't or one that did really well but that you didn't purchase because you didn't expect it to do well. Be sure to include:

- Name of the stock
- Why it surprised you. Did it do better or worse than you expected?
- Why did you expect it to do the opposite of what it did?

Slide 6- What did you learn from this experience?

Slide 7- Teach about whatever concept your group was assigned. Be sure to explain it fully and tell anything interesting about it, give examples if they are appropriate. You might need to do a little research on the concept. Remember it is your job to teach the class on this subject so be sure to do a good job.

Presentation Dos and Don'ts

Presentation Dos

Do speak clearly and loudly

Do make sure you have practiced

Do look at your audience

Do smile and act confident

Do listen closely when your classmates are speaking

Do have fun

Do act natural; remember these are your friends you are talking to

Presentation Don'ts

Don't worry about being nervous, everyone is

Don't just stare at your PowerPoint and read what is on the screen

Don't act silly or giggle

Don't be rude when others are speaking

Don't cover your face with your hands or papers