



## MONEY SAVERS



### TEACHERS

At Elmer's, we want to help you provide a rich learning environment for your students. We know it may be difficult to find extra funding for many additional programs, educational resources or ventures you may want your classroom to experience. That's why we've gathered some informational resources and tips when it comes to saving money and generating additional funds.

#### FREE FIELD TRIPS

- Public Libraries or places of business that are within walking distance of your school
- Virtual field trips. With a quick search on the Internet find various virtual field trips for your students
- School work areas such as maintenance rooms, and cafeterias
- Visit another classroom to see what they have been learning
- Visit the playground or school grounds to study physics, geology, geometry, horticulture, etc.
- Invite an expert to the classroom

#### FREE REWARDS

- A note of encouragement or thanks
- A certificate
- A handmade or die cut paper ribbon
- A homework pass
- A ticket to eat lunch with the teacher and one friend in the classroom
- Extra recess
- Sit wherever you'd like
- Go outside for class
- A positive phone call home

#### GRANT WRITING

- Often parents are willing to research and write grants for their child's classroom or school

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Observe colleagues
- Take turns with colleagues presenting areas of expertise
- Visit other exemplary schools and teachers
- Invite a teacher from another school to share expertise, return the favor
- Read professional articles and share information with colleagues
- Hold working lunches once a week
- Use staff meeting time as collaboration time and type announcements, and other usual staff meeting information into handout form
- Webinars are increasingly popular and are often very affordable, not to mention convenient



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### END OF YEAR EXTRA SUPPLIES

- At the end of the year, students have extra supplies. Ask students if they would like to donate (strictly voluntarily) any supplies they feel students could use next year. Students give willingly and they feel good about donating to next year's students. During the year, if a student loses a red crayon or another supply, you'll have supplies ready for them.

### SOCK ERASER FOR DRY ERASE BOARDS

- Instead of using paper towels as erasers for dry erase boards and then throwing them away, ask parents to send in single socks that somehow survived the dryer when its mate did not. Use these socks as erasers, and take them home from time to time to launder them.

### TENNIS BALL BUFFERS

- Another idea to cut down on classroom noise involves used tennis balls. Carefully cut an X into the bottom of used tennis balls and place them on the bottom of chair and desk legs. This way, you'll drastically cut down on the noise created from moving chairs and desks. You can get used tennis balls from racquet clubs or high school tennis teams or P.E. classes.