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# HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR SMG EXPERIENCE

# 10 WEEK PACING CALENDAR

# WEEK 1-5

## WEEK 1

To put SMG in context for your class, show our video "Life Goals," which discusses how saving early then investing can help students achieve their long term goals. Click here to watch: <https://www.stlouisfed.org/education/tools-for-enhancing-the-stock-market-game-invest-it-forward>.

**Lesson:** Visit [www.stockmarketgame.org](http://www.stockmarketgame.org) and log into the Teacher Support Center (TSC) with your advisor ID. Click the "Curriculum" tile, then select your grade level on the left-hand side to view the following lesson: "Understanding SMG."

## WEEK 2

**Lessons:** "What is a Company?" and "What is a Stock?"

Visit **The Stock Market Game's YouTube** page and click playlists to view our **Stock Market Game Training Videos:** Portfolio Overview, Entering Trades, and Research. (or click [here!](#))

**Invest It Forward™** connects students with real financial professionals for moderated video chats with industry volunteers. Request a chat now: <https://investitforward.sifma.org>.

## WEEK 3

**Lesson:** "Identifying Ticker Symbols and Interpreting Stock Quotes"

Log into [www.stockmarketgame.org](http://www.stockmarketgame.org). Click the "Curriculum" tile and search for: **In the News-Starting Up** and **Stocktalk-Tickers Tales**.

## WEEK 4

Show your students "Wealth Creation for All," a video that explains the concept of risk vs. return. Click here to watch: <https://www.stlouisfed.org/education/tools-for-enhancing-the-stock-market-game-invest-it-forward>.

**Lesson:** "What is Risk?"

**Extension Lesson** (grade levels vary): "Investor Safety"

**In the News- Defeating Danger.** Click the "Curriculum" tile and search for each publication in the search bar.

## WEEK 5

**Lessons:** "How Does Money Grow Over Time?" and "Dividends and Earnings"

**Invest It Forward:** Check your volunteer match status at <https://investitforward.sifma.org>. Note if you have scheduled or completed it. There's still time to request your own volunteer. Need assistance, contact [iif@sifma.org](mailto:iif@sifma.org).

All resources can be found in the TSC. Visit [www.stockmarketgame.org](http://www.stockmarketgame.org) and log in with your advisor ID. Click the "Curriculum" or "Additional Resources" tile to search for a specific document.



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## WEEK 6

**Lessons:** "What Causes Stock Prices to Change?" and "Buy, Sell, or Hold?"

**Extension Lessons** (grade levels vary): "What is an Exchange/ Market?", "What is an Index?", and "What is P/E Ratio?"

**In the News- A Tale of Two Shacks and An Apple for the Dow.** Click the "Curriculum" tile and search for each publication in the search bar.

## WEEK 7

**Lesson:** "What is Diversification?"

**InvestWrite™** is SMG's national essay competition. Introduce the program to your class with the lesson "How to InvestWrite." Check out [www.investwrite.org](http://www.investwrite.org) to find this season's prompt. This is a good time to have students draft their essay.

## WEEK 8

**Lesson:** "What is a Mutual Fund?"

**Stocktalk- Fund Time** and **In the News- Dr. B and the QE Medicine.** Click the "Curriculum" tile and search for each publication in the search bar.

**InvestWrite-** Submit your essays by the deadline! Follow all submission instructions and submit at [www.investwrite.org](http://www.investwrite.org).

## WEEK 9

Show your students "Building Bridges," a video that explains bonds. Click here to watch:

<https://www.stlouisfed.org/education/tools-for-enhancing-the-stock-market-game-invest-it-forward>.

**Lesson:** "What is a bond?"

**Invest It Forward:** How did your video chat go? Please return to the portal at <https://investitforward.sifma.org> and provide your feedback. Questions or concerns, contact [iif@sifma.org](mailto:iif@sifma.org).

## WEEK 10

**Lesson:** "How Successful Was My Investment Strategy?"

**Announcement of top ranking team portfolios** in the Elementary, Middle, and High School regions. Teams in competitive sessions may be eligible for prizes!\*

*\*Prizes may vary by state/region.*

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