

Lunch Money

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Genre: Realistic Fiction

Lifeskills: Cooperation, friendship, initiative, perseverance, responsibility, effort, organization, resourcefulness, personal best, problem solving

SYNOPSIS: Twelve-year-old Greg, who has always been good at money making projects, is surprised to find himself teaming up with his lifelong rival, Maura, to create a series of comic books to sell at school.

BOOKTALK: Greg Kenton has always loved money and had ideas on how to get more. Maura Shaw has always had some ideas of her own. Can Greg and Maura finally find a way to get rich together?

AUTHOR:

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Andrew Clements has written more than fifty books for children. Clements taught in public schools in Chicago for seven years before moving east to begin a career in publishing and writing. He and his wife live in central Massachusetts.

Other books written by the author:

Big Al and Shrimpy

Double Trouble in Walla Walla

Frindle

The Jacket

Jake Drake series

The Janitor's Boy

The Landry News

The Last Holiday Concert

The Report Card

Room One: A Mystery or Two

The School Story

A Week in the Woods

CHALLENGING WORDS (pronunciation, spelling, defining):

amateur, nautilus, marauders, obtuse, rectilinear, cuneiform, contritely, arbitration

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What is Greg's favorite thing to do?
2. What are some of the things that Greg sells to earn his money?

3. What started Greg and Maura's rivalry?
4. How do Greg and Maura learn to work together?

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES:

- **Art:**
Draw something to scale; optical illusions, wire sculpture.
- **Language Arts:**
Write a comic book.
- **Mathematics:**
Research whose faces are on what bills and coins; ratios, decimals, place value.
- **Science:** Research Chambered nautilus.
- **Social Studies:**
Prepare a unit on economics. Students can make, market, advertise items and sell to each grade level or open to the whole school.

INTERNET SITES:

U. S. Department of the Treasury:

<http://www.treasury.gov/education/history/secretaries/ahamilton.shtml>

Author Andrew Clements' website:

<http://goodconversations.com/authors/clements.html>

Comic Book Resources:

www.comicbookresources.com

www.markkistler.com

Grades 4-6 Indiana Standards met by this Intermediate book:

Art: 4.7.2, 4.8.1; 5.7.2, 5.8.1; 6.7.2, 6.8.1

Language Arts: 4.4.6, 4.4.7; 5.4.6, 5.4.8; 6.4.6