Activities for the 16 career clusters

Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources
• Set up a Veterinarian office
• Dog Groomer
• Plant flowers
• Inspect plants, fruits, & vegetables
• Compare soil types
• Pick up litter or landscape school grounds
• Measure plant growth and changes
• Visit a farm, park, or pond
• Visit an animal shelter

Architecture and Construction
• Build with blocks
• Build with mini marshmallows and toothpicks (Grades 3-5)
• Draw a map of school, room, neighborhood, house
• Use pretend tools
• Show real tools
• Visit a home store

Arts, A/V Technology & Communications
• Create photo art
• Create a sculpture out of clay
• Create a class news show
• Create a class newspaper
• Visit a newspaper publishing office
• Paint a picture
• Make a book

Business, Management & Administration
• Practice Keyboarding
• Interview others about careers
• Have a business dress up day
• Have students use graphs to plot money and orders collected for lunch, ice cream, etc.
• File and classify items such as paperclips, marbles, pencils, crayons, papers, cards, etc.

Education & Training
• Students teach a lesson as a team
• Students create lesson plans
• Students grade each other’s papers
• Interview a teacher
• Students teach a special skill to class
• Pair older students with younger students as tutors or reading buddies
• Visit a college campus

Finance
• Take turns counting money for ice cream/lunch each day
• Create pretend check books
• Set up a pretend bank for rewards for good behavior, grades, etc.

Government & Public Administration
• Set up a budget

Health Science
• Learn about the body
• Discuss physician specialists
• Have students measure each other's height, weight, shoe size, record eye color, hair color, etc.
• Teach students basic first aid
• Set up a microscope to view skin cells, hair, fibers, etc.
• Invite an ambulance to visit

Hospitality & Tourism
• Look at brochures from a travel agency
• Have students plan a pretend trip
• Set up student exercise and fitness classes
• Discuss different travel destinations.
• Create a pretend restaurant

Human Services
• Make cards for a nursing home
• Involve children in activities to promote self esteem, study skills, time management, and organization.
• Discuss bullying and conflict resolution skills.

Information Technology
• Use VA View’s website
• Have students share their favorite video games
• Take apart an old computer
• Create a class pod cast or website

Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security
• Learn about local fish and game laws
• Play detectives to solve pretend mysteries with real evidence like shoe prints, finger prints, etc.
• Have a community helper dress up day
• Visit local public admin. Centers (fire department, police department)

Marketing, Sales & Service
• Create a video commercial
• Draw an advertisement
• Arrange silk flowers
• Have a bake sale
• Make jewelry out of beads, leather, etc.
• Create a hair salon stylist shop (All students use their own personal brush and accessories)
• Make over the classroom
• Have students create a room makeover
• Watch “Trading Spaces” Kids
• Watch Extreme Home Makeover
• Design school spirit wear

Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics
• Conduct simple science experiments for kids
www.sciencemadessimple.com/
• Make a map of the stars
• Learn about different kinds of engineers

Transportation, Distribution & Logistics
• Create hands on transportation centers with toy vehicles
• Create a play train station, bus station, marina, or airport using schedules, tickets, etc.
• Visit a transportation center
• Learn about subways.
• Discuss your local public transportation systems.