

Ideas for Professional and Personal Stories to Share with your 3rd Grade Students

Building a meaningful relationship with the students in your JA program is a key element for success. By sharing well planned stories from your life experience you help the students understand the real world application and relevance of the material you are teaching. But most importantly, your personal stories strengthen their ability to relate to you and develop a personal connection.

Consider bringing some personal items to support your stories. A photo of yourself at their age, artifacts from your travels, item with your company logo, etc. can be a great complement to your story.

Lesson 1 “Inside Cities”

- What type of zone do you live (or work) in? What do you like about living in this type of neighborhood, why do you choose to live there?
- As you talk with the students about the zones in their classroom, describe the zones in your workplace (conference rooms, cubicles, kitchen areas, management offices, warehouse, storage, etc.). Where is your desk space/workspace located and how does this support your productivity?

Lesson 2 “Building a City”

- Think about your experience home decorating. Why is it important to measure when purchasing furniture, curtains, carpet, etc.?
- Have you ever built anything (birdhouse, shed, etc)? What materials did you use for your project, why was it important to choose the right material?

Lesson 3 “Dining Out”

- What is unique about the company you work for that makes it successful? How does your business distinguish itself from competitors to attract customers?
- Did you ever work in food services? Share your experience.

Lesson 4 “Making Headlines”

- Where do you get your news? Why is it important to you to know what is happening in the world?
- Have you or your business, ever been featured in the news? What was the story? Why was it important for others to know?

Lesson 5 “You Can Bank on It”

- Where do you bank? How often do you make deposits, write checks and use an ATM card? Why is it important?
- If you work at a bank talk about what do you there. Who are your customers and what services do you provide to them?