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The Stock Market Game

I have played the Stock Market Game this year. I had a very nice time. It was really fun and it taught me a lot. I learned about managing money. I love this game and would like to play it again. I won first place in my division. It is the best game I have ever played. I want to tell you my thoughts and my time when playing this game.

My goal is to go to an art college in 10 years. I’m going buy stocks when I get older so when I need money to go to college, I will have money. My teams’ stocks were Ardelyx, Walmart, Apple, Academy Sports and Outdoors and Coca Cola. We learned we need to be patient or we might end up selling a stock that will go high the next day. That would be bad because we couldn't make the money that we could have if we hadn't sold it.  My team's stocks went up and down so we had to have patience. Patience is something that you need to have for this game. This is a very interesting game to play.

We had diversified Ardelyx. When I get older, I want to have a bond with Apple. They made us more than any other stock we had. My teammate kept saying it was going to go up tomorrow but when it was the next day it was going down. On the last day is when it started to go up. When just barely passed everyone at the last minute. I love this game so much. We did not do bonds this year but this coming game I’m going to do bonds because you're most likely to get your money back. I will also maybe do higher stocks.

We kept looking at Starbucks but it kept going down for all the years and days. The people in my group all became friends. It taught all of us how to work together with each other and was awesome. I am a big fan of the Stock Market Game. I say it's the number one game. My group's name was The Money Makers. I have watched videos from previous years. The tips they gave were very helpful and they taught us about investing. When I was little, I watched Hershel and they taught us about economics. It was funny and educational. I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.