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School Business


Mr. Capaldi's fifth grade classroom is always interesting. *At least, most of the time it is*, Dani thought to herself, remembering the morning's pop quiz. She hadn't been completely prepared for that one!

Dani Jones is one of thirty kids in Mr. Capaldi's class—or Mr. C, as his students call him. Each day, class is an adventure. Mr. C knows how to make things interesting, and he really encourages each of his students to take charge of his or her learning. That's just fine with Dani. And now she is ready to take charge in a big way!

Mr. C runs a classroom **economy**, or a business model, in which each student earns "C-notes" (classroom dollars) for jobs, effort, and behavior. They can also lose money through **fin**es and **penalties**. And when Mr. C's classroom store is open, they can purchase some great things with their C-notes.

Dani has been doing well with her money all year. But she has her sights set on a new job—the biggest job of all. So far, she has been paper monitor, tech monitor, recycling monitor, and ambassador. But now she has her eye on the prize. She is ready to be classroom banker!



A classroom scene where a male teacher, Mr. C, is standing and speaking to a young girl, Dani. Mr. C is wearing a light-colored striped shirt and a dark striped tie, holding a stack of papers. Dani is in the foreground, smiling, with her back to the camera. The background features a whiteboard with a world map and a decorative graphic of interconnected blue and yellow hexagons. A desk with books is visible on the left.

Mr. C explains the classroom economy.

Dani

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