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Ups and Downs of the Stock Market

Objective: To introduce students to the ups and downs of the stock market.
To add and subtract rational numbers.

Materials: Newspapers

Warm-up: Define the word “market.” What do you think the stock market is?

Worksheet: For this assignment, report on the current value of the following stocks from the New York Stock exchange.

Stock	Abbreviation	52-week		Last	Net Change
		High	Low		
Avon					
Bell Atlantic					
Federal Express					
Phillip Morris					
Circuit City					

1. On the day you recorded the information, what stock was worth the most? _____

What was its closing price? _____

2. What stock was worth the least? _____

What was its high? _____

3. Which stock experienced the greatest gain? _____

How much did it gain? _____

4. What stock experienced the greatest loss and how much did it lose? _____

Investigation:

1. Pick a stock to “buy” and turn it in to the teacher. Write your stock name below.
2. Follow its progress for a week and chart the stock’s movement up or down each day.
3. Complete the chart each day in class. Determine the change of all of the stocks from Day 1 to Day 5. Record this answer in the Total Change column.

Stock	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Total Change
Avon						
Bell Atlantic						
Federal Express						
Phillip Morris						
Circuit City						

4. State whether you would have earned or lost money if you sold your stock after Day 5.
5. Write a paragraph explaining how you would have felt if you had used real money to buy the stock.
6. Write a paragraph explaining why and when people might buy stock.