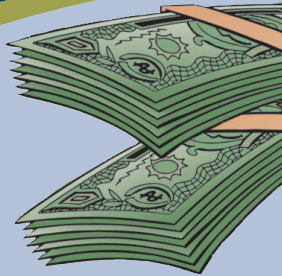


Smart Choice!



Q: Do you think I should get an allowance?
- Student at Tipler Middle School

A: This is a really great question to talk about with Mom or Dad. You may have to come up with an agreement about an allowance. For instance, you may need to earn your allowance by doing chores around the house or you may need to use your allowance to start paying for some of your own things. Either way, getting an allowance is one of the best ways for kids to start learning about saving money. A lot of kids like to save because it is fun to see their money grow. The important thing to remember is that you start developing the habit of saving. Sometimes saving your money can be tough but from time to time there could be something special that you would like and if you saved your allowance, you could buy it with your own money. That is just one of the many rewards that come with being a good saver! Just remember, if your Mom and Dad do decide to give you an allowance that usually means that you will also be given more responsibility.


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