



Many additions have been made to the U.S. Mint H.I.P. Pocket Change™ Web site within the last month! To help you learn about, “What’s New For You” explore some of the links that have been listed below.



Cents of Color – Coloring can be such fun...especially with the 50 State Quarters! Maybe you’d like to see a red racecar in Indiana or a green guitar in Tennessee. Try your hand at coloring the five new state quarters that will be released this year.

PuzzleMint – The new state quarters for 2002 have been added to this familiar HPC game! Assemble the new state quarters even before you can find them in your pocket!

Winter Coin Olympics – Even the HPC Pals are getting in on the Olympic excitement this year! Keep an eye out for these fantastic winter events. If they’re not yet available, return soon to help Plinky, Flip, and Nero compete to win the gold!



Birth of a Coin – Some minor changes have been made to this HPC cartoon to accurately reflect the minting process. Take a few minutes to check out this old favorite, and see if you can spot the changes!



Making Cents – The latest edition of the HPC newsletter has finally arrived! Read it through to learn all about the 2 newest state quarters (Kentucky and Tennessee), how a coin is made, and the best ways to take care of your coin collection!

February’s Coin of the Month – February’s featured coin is the brand new Tennessee State Quarter. Read more to find out why Goldie is singing the praises of this exciting new coin!

The Coins Are Coming – Take a look at the new U.S. Mint **Commemorative Coins** made especially for the 2002 Olympic games taking place in Salt Lake City, Utah this month!

Fun Facts - Three new Fun Facts are available each month!



Medal Mania – Take a look at Inspector Collector’s newest interest, medals made by the U.S. Mint! This month the Inspector is taking a look at some special medals that feature African Americans who have had a great impact on our country.



Lesson Plans – This month HPC has added a second **Unit Plan** to the site. The individual plans included in this Unit, **Pennies (Nickels and Dimes) From Heaven**, are listed below (lessons one through five). Use these educational building blocks to start your youngest students on a path towards financial understanding!

Please remember that your coin-centric lesson plans are always a welcomed addition to H.I.P. Pocket Change, and may be **submitted** directly to the site at any point in time!

Lesson Name	Curricular Area	Grade Level(s)
1. An Introduction To Coins	Math	K-2
2. Trading Pennies And Nickels	Math	K-2
3. Counting By 10s, 5s, and 1s	Math	K-2
4. Adding Pennies, Nickels and Dimes	Math	K-2
5. Let's Go Shopping	Math	K-2
6. Getting Better at Guessing	Math	K-2
7. Penny Stories	Language Arts	3-5
8. Sun Prints	Science	K-2
9. Veterans and POWs	History	6-8



Teacher Features – While you can always find these great classroom ideas in the Teachers section of H.I.P. Pocket Change, be sure to click on the Teacher Feature icon whenever you spot it on the site to find ideas that relate directly to whatever you've just read!

Feature Name	Coin News Connection	Covered Curricular Area
1. Listen Closely!	February's Coin of the Month	Science
2. Around The World In 17 Days	Making Cents, The Coins Are Coming, and the HPC Coin Olympics	Social Studies

All of these resources, and more, are at your fingertips each time you return to **H.I.P. Pocket Change!**

Thanks again for your interest in all HPC activities. If you find this information useful, make you share it with a friend!