



Can you believe it's already 2003? Well the folks at the United States Mint H.I.P. Pocket Change™ Web site (HPC) have been extremely busy getting the site ready for the new year! To help you learn about “What’s New For You,” explore some of the fun links that are listed below.



[State Quarter Day In The Classroom](#) – Examine all of the fun classroom activity ideas that HPC has developed to help you celebrate the launch of the new Illinois quarter in your own classroom!



[Cents of Color](#) – Coloring can be such fun...especially with the 50 State Quarters! Maybe you'd like to see a pink lighthouse in Maine or a green skyline in Illinois. Try your hand at coloring the five new state quarters that will be released this year.



[Making Cents](#) – The latest edition of the HPC newsletter has finally hit the Web! Read it through to learn all about the flurry of firsts that have already occurred in 2003, the new coins coming out of the United States Mint, and a museum in Louisiana with a lot of coin history to offer!

[January's Coin of the Month](#) – Nero the Mint Police Dog has sniffed out a great new coin to help kick off 2003 – the Illinois quarter! Visit with Nero to see what connections this brand new coin has with the month of January.

[The Coins Are Coming](#) – Be among the first to see the newest quarters designed for the 50 State Quarters® Program. Illinois, Alabama, Maine, Missouri and Arkansas will be honored with their own coin in 2003. Check them out today!

[Fun Facts](#) –A new Fun Fact is available on HPC each month, but you don't have to settle for one fun fact at a time! You can have even more fun and see pictures that go with the facts on the special Fun Facts pages. Just click on a fact at the top of any HPC page and learn some little known stories of the United States Mint and American coinage!



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	Related Content	Covered Curricular Area
1. Whose Head Goes Here?	January’s Coin of the Month	Social Studies, Language Arts, and Technology



50 State Quarters® Program Lesson Plans – Download these brand new FREE lesson plans that were created specifically with the 2003 quarters in mind for grades K-1, 2-3, and 4-6! They will expand your students’ knowledge about the individual states, related history and geography, and the rich diversity of our national heritage.

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 sure you share it with a friend!