

## Virtual Stock Market

For the rest of the semester your economics class requirements will include participating in an online stock market “game.” You will have weekly journal entries to relate current class content to the game and you will need to maintain your portfolio. Your weekly journal entries will be emailed to me at [emerickm@wlwv.k12.or.us](mailto:emerickm@wlwv.k12.or.us)

**First step:** Find the website that has our “game” <http://www.marketwatch.com/game/>

**Second step:** Using the small sign up button at the top right hand side of the webpage become a MarketWatch member. Create a password you can remember and use an email account that you actively use.

**Third step:** Create an account using an email and password that you will remember, use your first and last name for your portfolio, and select whatever you want for your profession, earnings, what type of emails you want to receive from marketwatch.

**Fourth Step:** Click on “find a game” from the green marketwatch game screen. If you are at the general homepage you can always get to the game screen by clicking on the sections button on the left side of the screen, games will be the last link on the sections menu.

**Fifth step:** Using the search feature on the games website type in our class’ game.

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<https://www.marketwatch.com/game/emerickperiod1semester2>

Period 3 = EmerickPERIODTHREEsemestertwo

**Sixth step:** Our password is wllions

**Seventh step:** When you join you will find that you have been given \$14,000 (the largest amount of money Ms Emerick may gift you that you will not need to pay taxes on). You must invest at least \$10,000 of your \$14,000 during our first week of the simulation. During your initial purchase you must purchase at least ten different stocks and maintain shares in at least ten different companies until later in the simulation. Please do not purchase mutual funds. You may “buy on margin” but this carries significant risks and is financially not a very responsible decision. ***Do some research before you make your initial investment! Your first journal entry will revolve around the first eight companies you invest in, make note of these if you are actively trading.***

**Eight step:** Always sign out of your account or the next user may buy and sell your shares. My profile on the top left side of the screen; red sign out on the top right side of the profile screen.