

## **JA in a Day Description**

Each community volunteer is placed in a classroom (typically with a partner from the same volunteer company) and then he or she shares his or her real-world experience with students. JA provides curriculum that allows the volunteer to do this in a hands-on way that makes the concepts relevant to the students. The day is engaging and memorable for both students and volunteers. JA will provide all the materials and training for the day. The day typically lasts from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm and lunch is provided.

Prior to the event, JA will provide a new volunteer training and distribute all the materials. The training takes about 45 minutes to complete and is done ideally 1-2 weeks before the volunteer event.

Here is a quote from a JA volunteer about his experience:

“I volunteer my time to help children understand the financial world. I have been volunteering at JA over the past year and it has increased the appreciation for what I do, and what I am able to provide to the community. When I got involved my expectations where the kids would not be as involved or receptive, however, the children were excited and very inquisitive. The program has shown me the need for not only financial education in communities, but the need for more people to give their time to the community. By doing so, you enrich the lives of many children that may miss out on an important life experience. JA has shown me that they are different from similar programs because of the organization, preparedness and execution that other organizations lack. I firmly believe that Junior Achievement is an organization that truly gives to the community.” – JA Volunteer