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Opening up a business is not a requirement. It will be up to the students to choose whether or not they would like to be a business owner. If they choose to run a store in our mall, the students will need to fill out a business application and receive a business loan from our pretend bank. They will also bring home a form to you, indicating the items they would like to sell. This form will need to be signed by you, stating that you approve the items they would like to sell. The students may not sell items that have not been approved by your signature. The only other rule is that they are not allowed to sell food.

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