MR. BELLAMIN'S KINDERGARTEN CLASS
(Late Night Animated Comedy Series)

"Pilot" ("Economics")

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MR. BELLAMIN (35, white) is teaching 20 kindergarten STUDENTS.

MR. BELLAMIN
OK. Today we're gonna learn about economics. Do you guys know what economics means?

BILLY
I think it's when, like, there's some people, and they're wearing pajamas, and then they don't brush their teeth before they go to bed.

MR. BELLAMIN
Uh. No, Billy. You need to stop drinking so much Sunny Delight. It's making you high. Economics ain't about pajamas. It's about money.

SARAH
One time I had a dollar, and I used the money, and I bought, like, some gum, and I chewed it. Is that economics?

MR. BELLAMIN
To some extent, yes.

XANDER
Economics is gum?

MR. BELLAMIN
No. Economics is about money. You can spend money on gum, or motorcycles, or underwear, or iPhones, or whatever. But before people spend money, they have to make money, with some kind of job or business.

BECCA
Um. Mr. Bellamin. Do you have a job or business?

MR. BELLAMIN
Yes, Becca. I have a job. I'm a kindergarten teacher.

MADISON
Someone pays you money to do this?
MR. BELLAMIN
Yes! I get paid thirty three thousand dollars a year.

BECCA
Wow. That's a lot of money. You're rich.

MR. BELLAMIN
Uh. News flash, honey. I live near the poverty line.

BILLY
My friend Tom, um, he lives near Disneyland.

MR. BELLAMIN
That's a fantastic story, Billy. But when I say that I live near the poverty line, I don't literally mean I live near an actual place called "poverty line."

SARAH
I live near Ben and Jerry's.

MR. BELLAMIN
People. Let's focus here. We're talking about economics right now, and how this cheap school pays me a salary of thirty three thousand dollars.

BECCA
Mr. Bellamin. If you have thirty three thousand dollars, then, um, can you give me a hundred dollars?

MR. BELLAMIN
You sound a lot like my ex-wife, Becca. And by the way--I don't have three thousand dollars. They pay me thirty three thousand dollars. I spend that money, mostly on basic things, like rent and liquor. Budweiser doesn't pay for itself.

BILLY
My daddy, um, he says that, like, um, he says that my Uncle Joe drinks Budweiser, and Budweiser is for idiots.
MR. BELLAMIN
Well. Your father sounds like a real piece of work.

BILLY
What do you mean?

MR. BELLAMIN
I mean, you're father sound like a real piece of garbage.

BECCA
Mr. Bellamin. I have a question. Um, like, if you don't have a lot of money, then who does have a lot of money?

MR. BELLAMIN
Well. Bill Gates. He has a hundred billion dollars.

XANDER
What grade does he teach?

MR. BELLAMIN
He doesn't teach a grade, Xander. You don't become a billionaire by working for the school district. You become a billionaire by doing other stuff.

XANDER
Like what?

MR. BELLAMIN
Like, by typing Microsoft HTTP on a computer, and programming the Windows Wozniak code and two hundred fifty six gigabytes.

XANDER
Why don't you do that?

MR. BELLAMIN
Because I'm not a nerd. It's better to be broke like me, than to wear glasses and sweaters and be a computer nerd. Kids--if someone offers you a nerdy computer job that pays a lot of money, you know what you do? You just say no.
LEO
Um. Mr. Bellamin. I'm not so sure you're educating us properly.

MR. BELLAMIN
Well, Mr. smart guy. Why don't you educate us properly? Why don't you come up here and teach us about economics?

Leo walks up to the front of the class.

LEO
(to Class)
Um. OK. Well. Like...

MR. BELLAMIN
Oh. It's not so easy when you're standing up here--is it?

LEO
(to Class)
Um. Well. Like, let's start off by talking about macroeconomic and microeconomic policies.

MR. BELLAMIN
What the hell are those?

LEO
Well, Mr. Bellamin. Macroeconomic policies are the ones that involve fiscal...

MR. BELLAMIN
OK. I think we get the point. Thanks for all that macroeconomic baloney, Leo. Go sit down and drink your apple juice box.

Leo walks back to his seat.

MR. BELLAMIN (CONT'D)
(to Class)
OK. So, let me continue my lesson on economics. Let's cover the part about alimony.
(to Leo)
Do you know what that is, Leo?

LEO
No.
MR. BELLAMIN
Well then maybe you don't know as much as you think you do, Mr. Know-it-All. Alimony is the money you pay your ex-wife after you divorce her.

BILLY
What does she spend the money on? Cinnamon Toast Crunch?

MR. BELLAMIN
No, Billy. She spends the money on typical whore supplies—like eyeliner, and vodka, and clear heels, and Botox, and jewelry. Do you guys know what vodka is?

EVERYONE
No.

MR. BELLAMIN
I'll show you.

Mr. Bellamin's assistant JOE (20) is seated at a teacher's desk.

MR. BELLAMIN (CONT'D)
Joe—go buy some vodka and bring it back here.

JOE
Um. I'm only twenty.

MR. BELLAMIN
And?

JOE
I'm not legally allowed to purchase vodka.

MR. BELLAMIN
Well then go to my apartment and get some. I don't have any vodka there, though—because vodka is for Europeans and for college kids who think they know everything even though they don't know squat. I'm an American adult—which means I drink Budweiser, and I also drink Puerto Rican rum out of a dirty bottle. Take my keys, go to my apartment, and bring back the dirtiest bottle of rum you can find.
JOE
Um, OK.

Joe takes a set of keys from Mr. Bellamin and leaves.

XANDER
Can we do some singing now?

MR. BELLAMIN
Of course we can do some singing. Let's sing the song about how my ex-wife is a goldigger.

SARAH
Her job is to dig for gold?

MR. BELLAMIN
No. When I said goldigger, I meant that figuratively. Not literally.

SARAH
I don't get it.

MR. BELLAMIN
Let's sing the song, and then you'll understand what a goldigger is.

LEO
Is this song educational?

MR. BELLAMIN
Absolutely.

(sings)
Old McDonald had a farm / EIEIO /
And then his ex-wife took the farm / And she asked for more / With a moo moo here / And a moo moo there / Here a moo / There a moo / That woman won't stop mooing / Why buy the cow when you can have the milk for free?

LEO
Well, Mr. Bellamin. It sounds like you've had some bad relationships with women.

MR. BELLAMIN
And who the hell are you? My psychologist?
LEO
I'm just saying. Maybe if you start dating women with class, you'll stop acting like such a lunatic idiot.

MR. BELLAMIN
That's a fantastic theory, Leo. But believe it or not, I'm not gonna take relationship advice from a guy who thinks Pokemon is the greatest movie of all time.

Mr. Bellamin's phone rings. He takes the call.

MR. BELLAMIN (CONT'D)
What is it, ma? ... I don't know. I'm trying to educate some kids right now. ... Who said that? ... Well, yes. I am sort of dating someone. But why are we talking about this right now? ... No--I'm not planning to get married again. ... Fine. OK. Yeah. Set me up with your friend's daughter. She sounds delightful. I'm sure she's a very nice girl. Actually, I'm sure she'll seem nice at first, and then after I go out on six or seven dates with her, she'll start acting like a psycho, the way all women do. ... Fine. ... Bye, ma. (hangs up phone)

Man. I'm freaking hungry. Where's Joe with that rum? Xander--what do you have for lunch?

XANDER
Um. A peanut butter sandwich.

MR. BELLAMIN
I'll give you three pennies for it.

XANDER
A million dollars.

MR. BELLAMIN
Four pennies.

XANDER
A billion dollars.
MR. BELLAMIN
You son of a... Is that how you negotiate?

XANDER
Yes.

MR. BELLAMIN
Well. That negotiation technique it not gonna work in divorce court--I'll tell you that right now.

(to Class)
So, yeah. Let's talk more about about economics. Let's see. Economics. So, um, people have jobs.

KATE
Like goldidgger?

MR. BELLAMIN
Golddigger is not a job, Kate. Unless you mean goldigger literally. Are you taking about a literal godigger?

KATE
I don't know. What's literal?

MR. BELLAMIN
I don't know. I don't know how to explain literal to a kindergarten student.

LEO
Then why are you a kindergarten teacher?

MR. BELLAMIN
Fuck you, Leo! That's why. OK? You're supposed to learn words through context clues, and not through definitions!

LEO
Mr. Bellamin. I think you have some anger issues you might want to explore.

MR. BELLAMIN
There you go again, with your psychoanalysis. I have anger issues? Well, you don't even know how to tie your shoes, buddy.
LEO
You don't even know how to set up your online accounts for automatic bill payments. I had to do it for you yesterday.

MR. BELLAMIN
Great. You know how to to all that internet bullshit, but you don't know how to tie your shoes. See how far that skill set will take you.

(to Class)
Kids these day--they're tapping away on the iPads and whatever, and they know too much about technology. It's not natural. Go outside and play. Stop downloading apps. Kids should not be teaching grown men with hairy chests how to use technology.

LEO
Fine, Mr. Bellamin. I'll stop doing tech support for you and your hairy chest.

MR. BELLAMIN
You better not stop, Leo. I need you to show me how to do that HBO on Demand thing. Also, show me how to go to Wells Fargo dot com, and transfer money from my checking account to my savings account. I want to do that. Because right now, I got two hundred seventy three dollars in my checking account, and it's not earning any interest. I want to get that zero point two percent interest the cheap ass bank pays.

(to Class)
That's more economics, boys and girls. Economics. You got these banks. These damn banks. Don't trust them. You know how much money Wells Fargo makes in one year? Ten trillion dollars. Cash. Tax free. And every penny is made illegitimately. You think banks are legitimate? You think so, Sarah?
SARAH
I don't know. What does legitimate mean?

MR. BELLAMIN
Don't worry about what legitimate means. The point is, a bank is slightly more legitimate than a cocaine distributor. Let me explain the economy. I'm gonna, you know, tell you about the ten sectors of the economy. I'm gonna give you those ten sectors, in order of how legitimate they are.

ANDRE
But, like, what does legitimate mean?

MR. BELLAMIN
You kids need to stop asking so many questions about what words mean. So, um, here are the ten sectors.

XANDER
What does sector mean?

MR. BELLAMIN
I said no more word questions. OK. The ten sectors, in order of legitimacy. The first sector is the one with criminals, lawyers, and used car salesmen. They're the least legitimate. Then you got goldiggers. The figurative ones. They're slightly more legitimate than that last group. Then you got people who run drug cartels and stuff like that. Then you got the banks, who do some Nasdaq stuff to your money with the Fed and they're in cahoots with the mafia. Then you got psychologists—who are all idiots and con artists. And then you got that Bill Gates character, who does some DOS, and thinks that qualifies as a job. And then finally, you got people who actually work real jobs. Legitimate jobs.
XANDER
My dad is a hedge fund manager. What does that mean? Is that a legitimate job?

MR. BELLAMIN
No. It's halfway between being a heroin dealer and being a loan officer and being a golddigger.

LEO
You can't be halfway between three things. That's geometrically illogical.

MR. BELLAMIN
Listen, buddy. It's only geometrically illogical if you interpret my words too literally.

XANDER
What does literally mean?

MR. BELLAMIN
Literally means literally! It literally means literally. Now, we were talking about the jobs your parents have.

MADISON
My father is a plumber.

MR. BELLAMIN
I've seen your father driving a brand new Bentley.

MADISON
So?

MR. BELLAMIN
A Bentley costs three hundred Gs, honey.

MADISON
You can buy a car with letters?

MR. BELLAMIN
No! A G is a thousand dollars. Three hundred Gs. Three hundred thousand dollars. That's the cost of your father's car. What kind of plumbing does he do?
MADISON
Um. He does plumbing. He's a plumber.

MR. BELLAMIN
Is he a plumber the way Tony Soprano is a cotton candy salesman?

MADISON
What do you mean?

MR. BELLAMIN
I mean your father's plumbing business must be a front for organized crime. Capiche?

MADISON
Um. What?

MR. BELLAMIN
Does your father actually plumb? Does he work on pipes?

MADISON
Um. Well. He has other people who work on pipes.

MR. BELLAMIN
Oh. So he has a plumbing business. Well. I'm gonna break down what that is for you, kids. I'm gonna break that down with numbers. Do you kids know about numbers?

XANDER
I can count to twenty. And one time, I even counted to twenty nine.

MR. BELLAMIN
Very good, Xander. Now listen to the numbers I say. You see, what Sarah's father does is, he has plumbers who work for him. He pays those plumbers. He pays them thirty five dollars an hour. But he charges customers a hundred dollars an hour. Listen to the numbers. He pays thirty five. And he charges a hundred.

BILLY
A hundred is more than thirty five.
MR. BELLAMIN
Yes. Good job, Billy--you math genius. So these plumbing companies, they charge you a hundred for labor and they only spend thirty five; they charge fifty for parts and they only spend fifteen. Which means Sarah's dad, the scumbag businessman, he gets a hundred dollars for sitting on his ass and watching Pokemon. Any questions?

SARAH
What's a scumbag?

MR. BELLAMIN
Your father. He's a scumbag who drives a Bentley paid for by illegitimate toilet money.

ANDRE
My mother is a dentist.

MR. BELLAMIN
Well good for her. That means she charges people a hundred dollars for a teeth-cleaning, even though we can all clean our own teeth for two cents worth of Colgate and one cent worth of elbow grease and tap water.

ED
My father is a coal miner.

MR. BELLAMIN
Yes. there you go. That's a legitimate job. Coal miner is the only legitimate job there is. Except for maybe scientist. Kids--from now on, I'm only gonna teach coal mining and science.

LEO
My father is a scientist. He's a physicist. And I'm pursuing a career in nuclear chemistry.

MR. BELLAMIN
Oh. Well then the hell with science. It sounds really nerdy. Let's just stick to coal miner. OK, class.

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MR. BELLAMIN (CONT'D)
That concludes your kindergarten lesson on economics. Everyone go outside and take a five hour recess, and then go home.