Mrs. Cardwell’s New Class Pets
CONGRATULATIONS
Responsible 3rd Graders
We have 2 new class pets

- A turtle
- A fish
Before we learn more about them, let's review Classroom Pet Rules

- 1. Always use your inside voices.
Classroom Pet Rules

2. Keep Your Hands and other objects out of the Tanks.
3. Observe with your eyes.
Classroom Pet Rules

- 4. When the teacher allows you handle the turtle, Please be **GENTLE**.
Classroom Pet Rules

- 5. Always **wash** your hands **with soap** after touching the turtle.
Classroom Pet Rules

6. Always be Responsible.
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1. Always use your **inside voices**.
2. **Keep** Your Hands and other objects **out** of the Tanks.
3. **Observe** with your **eyes**.
4. When the **teacher allows** you handle the turtle, Please be **GENTLE**.
5. Always **wash** your hands **with soap** after touching the turtle.
6. Always be **Responsible**.
Now that we understand the classroom pet rules, let’s learn more about our new classroom buddies.

- There are many species/types of fish and turtles.
Can you find our class pet?
Meet **LEO** our **Betta Fish** who is also called Siamese Fighting Fish or Japanese Fighting Fish
Did You Know...

**Facts about Betta’s**

- Betta’s originated in Thailand
- **Why are they called “fighting fish”?** Male Betta’s are very territorial and if put in a close enough environment attack another Betta or similar sized fish. Generally they are best kept in a tank by themselves.
- **Betta’s can breath air!** They have a unique organ called a labyrinth that allows them to breath air like you and me.
- Betta’s are a fresh-water tropical fish
- The average lifespan of a Betta fish is 2-3 years.
- Betta Fish are **carnivores** (eat meat) and prefer to eat things like frozen brine shrimp, freeze dried blood worms, but will also eat fish flakes and pellets.
- **male bettas are more colorful than female bettas**
- **Is our betta a male or female?**
Yes we have a Male Betta

- Let’s think of a name to vote on.
- Choose one of the five names below, write it on your piece of paper and put it in the box.
  - Option 1. Robin
  - Option 2. Ki
  - Option 3. Red Barron
  - Option 4. Leo
  - Option 5. Lil’ Mario

*Once both classes vote, the new pet’s names will be revealed.*
Can you find our class pet?
Meet **EVIE** our **Red Eared Slider Turtle**

who is also known as **Pond Slider**
Did you know...

Facts about Red-Eared Slider Turtles

- The **red stripe** on a red eared slider turtle isn't actually on it's ear in fact it's ears are just slits on it's head!
- **Live for about 20 years**
- **Are omnivores** (eat veggies and meat)
- **Need water to swallow**
- **Has no gills** but can hold it's breath for a good hour while awake, and for about 5 hours when sleeping.
- **Their water temperature must be between 75-90 degrees**
Turtles kept indoors need 2 types of light, UVB and UVA.

- Turtles (and all reptiles) need **UVB** light to produce Vitamin D3 and to help them properly use calcium and other nutrients. Without enough UVB light, turtles will experience shell problems and bone disease. If they are deprived of UVB light for too long a time, they will die.

- The other kind of light that turtles must have is **UVA*/basking light/ daylight lamp. They are "cold blooded" and cannot generate their own body heat. To regulate their body temperature, they (like other reptiles) bask in the light.
Is our turtle a male or a female?
Yes our turtle is a **female**!

- Let’s think of a name to vote on.
- Choose one of the five names below, write it on your piece of paper and put it in the box.
- Option 1. Princess Fiona
- Option 2. Princess
- Option 3. Brittany
- Option 4. Fe-Fe
- Option 5. Evie

*Once both classes vote, the new pet’s names will be revealed.*
There is so much more to learn about our new class pets.

During your free time:
- Research in books, magazines or online and share with the class what new non-fictional(true) information you find.
- Draw a picture to display.
- Create a fictional (fantasy) story about them.

CONGRATS AGAIN
Responsible 3RD GRADERS