Taking Care of Our Classroom Pet

Pretend you have $20 to buy 3 things to take care of our hamster, 1 food, 1 bedding and 1 toy. Go to the pet store and write down what you would buy and its price. Take a picture of the items. How much of the $20 can you use without going over?

Food: _____________________________ Price: $________

Bedding: ___________________________ Price: $________

Toy: _______________________________ Price: $________

How much did you spend altogether? $_________

How much money do you have left over? $_________
Hamster Math

Standard:
Solve problems involving dollar bills, quarters, dimes, nickels and pennies

Objectives:
Solve real life problems involving money
Collect data and record it in a chart
Use addition strategies to add cost of three items
Use subtraction strategies to determine change

Evaluation:
Completed data chart
Correct change calculated

Learning Activity:
Imagine you were given $20. You must buy three items for the hamster (one food, one bedding, one “toy”) How close can you come to using your whole $20 without going over? Go to the pet store and record cost and item description information in your data chart. Include photos of your chosen items.