The Leopard Gecko

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The Leopard Gecko is have moveable eyelids unlike most geckos.
Leopard Geckos get their name from having spots just like a Leopard.
Leopard Geckos come from Pakistan, India, and Afghanistan where the terrain is dry and rocky.
Adult Leopard Geckos are typically 7 to 10 inches in length.
Compared to some reptiles Leopard Geckos can live from 10 to 20 years.
Leopard Geckos are nocturnal, so they pretty much sleep all day and are up all night.
Leopard Geckos are terrestrial geckos. Therefore they do not have foot pads that would allow them to climb walls.
An adult Leopard Gecko would be happy in a 10 to 20 gallon tank that was longer instead of higher.
The tank of a Leopard Gecko should have two temperature areas. One side should be 80 to 85 degrees, while the other side should be 88 to 90 degrees.
A shallow water dish with fresh water must be available at all times. It should also be stable, so it cannot be spilled.
Leopard geckos are carnivores. They do not eat plants or veggies. The best items are mealworms or crickets.
Leopard Geckos are very open to being held and become tame over time. Be careful not to grab the tail because it will fall off. Fortunately another tail will grow in.
If a Leopard Gecko loses an appetite or has a lumpy stomach, they might have an impaction. This means that they aren’t passing their food.

It is recommended that you take the gecko to a veterinarian if this happens.
I think a Leopard Gecko would be an easy animal to take care of. You don’t have to take them for walks but they have great personalities.
I think a Leopard Gecko would be a great pet for the classroom, BUT we’re getting a real cool gecko that can climb!

Sorry Leo, you can’t catch Crestie!
Bibliography

http://www.leopardgeckoguide.com/

http://www.leopardgecko.com/leopard-gecko-care

http://www.geckosetc.com/htm/care.htm
Estimate 3-5 days to complete the presentation.

In this activity, have student pair read the sites with their partners. This should take 1-2 days to research and find the answers and write them out in complete sentences. Once everything is collected, students will spend 2-3 days creating their individual PowerPoint presentations.

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Our Crested Gecko

INTRODUCTION:

OK class, this task is intended to help you learn more about our new classroom pet. So, be prepared to learn cool and interesting facts about our Crested Gecko!

TASK:

Your task will be to create a PowerPoint presentation about our friendly reptile. You will then send me the presentation through Gaggle. Good luck and remember that YOUR BEST IS ALL I REQUEST!

PROCESS:

Answering the 15 questions, on the next pages, will guide you to creating your PowerPoint. The resources listed below will have everything you need to answer these questions.

RESOURCES:

http://www.petsuppliesplus.com/content.jsp?pageName=Crested_Gecko


http://www.gallerygeckos.com/crestie-care-for-kids.html

EVALUATION:

I have attached the grading rubric that I will use to grade your presentation. Use this as a guide to getting your “A”.


CONCLUSION:

Hopefully this task will have taught you new and interesting facts about our gecko. And I wonder how you’ll feel about taking care of our crestie. Will it be easy or difficult? And why? Well you’ll be off to a great start with all of this research!
• What is an interesting fact about the Crested Gecko?
• How did the Crested Gecko get it’s name?
• Where do Crested Geckos come from?
• What size is an adult Crested Gecko?
• How long do Crested Geckos live?
• When are Crested geckos most active?
• Why are Crested Geckos able to walk on walls?
• What sized tank should an adult Crested Gecko have?
• What temperature range (low-high) will be perfect for our crestie?
• Is water important for our crestie? Why?
• What kind of diet should we use for our Crestie? Why?
• What must we remember to do after handling our crestie?
• What is a health problem that our crestie may encounter?
• What should we do to help?
• Do you think it will be easy to care for our crestie? Why? (opinion)
• Is a Crested Gecko the right pet for us? Why? (opinion)