

Guinea Pig Lesson plans

Science/Social Studies

Discuss where the name of a Guinea Pig comes from.

<i>Cavia porcellus</i>	
Scientific classification 	
Kingdom:	Animalia
Phylum:	Chordata
Class:	Mammalia
Order:	Rodentia
Family:	Caviidae
Subfamily:	Caviinae

Discuss and research where Guinea Pigs come from:

What are their habitats like? What is a family like?

Are they nocturnal?

Guinea pigs live in the wild in **South America**, living in rocky areas, grasslands and forest edges. They live in groups of about 10 adults, and live in burrows, either dug by themselves or by other animals. They are most active at night, when they come out and forage on a wide variety of plant materials.

Create a poster giving all the information you can on the species. Label items, use pictures and charts etc.

READING:

The Guinea Pig Handbook (Barron's Pet Handbooks)

Dec 1, 2015

by Vanderlip DVM, Sharon Lynn

Guinea Pigs: Beginner's Guide to Ownership & Care

Sep 13, 2015

by Jennifer Grewer

Sammy: The Classroom Guinea Pig

Jun 24, 2008

by Alix Berenzy

Alice the Guinea Pig

Aug 31, 2015

by Diane Baxter Trapeni and Brittany Rathburn

Go to the library and find other books about Guinea Pigs.

Read and do a Book report (two paragraphs or more)

Be prepared to share your report in class.

Math:

Decide how much food (kibble and fresh veggies and fruit) the pig should have in a day, week, month . . .

Examine the cost of food fresh and kibble. How much does it cost to feed the pig daily, weekly monthly. .

Timothy Hay: a pig favorite! How much does it need daily, weekly, monthly. . .what is the cost of hay?

How much bedding does the pig need? What is the cost of the bedding? How often do you use it? How much do you use?

What else would you need to make the pig happy and healthy? (snacks, vitamins, chew toys , habitat etc.)

What are the costs of these items? How often do you need to buy these items?

What is the total monthly cost of caring for the pig?