Lesson Plan for Pet in the Classroom: 1st grade: Science/Writing

Day 1
Teacher places empty fish tank in the classroom.
Students observe what they see then write and draw what they see in a week long journal.

Day 2
Water and rocks are added to the tank and a bubbler of some kind.
Again student observe what is different today and write and draw about their observation

Day 3
Plants are added
Students observe what is different and write and draw what they see.
Class discusses why plants are added to a fish tank and then make a prediction of what will they see tomorrow

Day 4
Fish are added
Students observe the different fish and write and draw what they see.

Day 5
Observe the fish and see if anything has changed.
Make predictions on what will happen throughout the year.

Extend the activity throughout the school year with these:
Do monthly observation, writings and drawings of what is happening in the tank by adding pages to their journal.
Create their own fish tank by coloring and water-coloring
Job assignment/responsibility feed the fish and check water level to add water to the tank as need