Pets in the Classroom Lesson Plan

Pre-K Pet Lesson Plans and Ideas
Pet Activities for Math

* Using numbered precut fish bowls match the correct number of fish to bowls
* During snack use goldfish crackers and compare more/less/same
* Using precut bones, count forward from a given number using a number line as a visual
* Using precut bones, count 1-20 bones
* Using different pets in a line, identify the position of the animal (first/last)
- Using precut pets/stickers create an ABAB pattern
- Sort pets by attributes (i.e., number of legs, habitats, skin type, etc.)
- Seriate plastic/precut snakes by length
- Fishing for shapes (place shapes onto precut fish)
- Build a dog or bird house piecing together shapes (triangles, squares)
- Identify position of the shapes when building the dog/bird house above
* When given a choice with pictures/objects of pets and rhyming pictures or objects identify the rhyming groups

* Using rhythm sticks tap out syllables of pets (e.g. cat, snake, rabbit, etc.)

* In whole group using crayons and following directions, create animal movements using the crayon in the air (e.g., bunny hop-zigzag line, snake-curvy line, frog-up and down movement,)
We love Pets!

Crawfish pet
Pet Activities for Science

- Observe snake skin, bird’s nest
- Introduce a stethoscope.
- Move like different animals. *Animal sounds soft and loud.
- Feed classroom pet.
- Read fiction/nonfiction book. Care for living things in the classroom.
Vocabulary Words to use:

- pet
- tame
- animal shelter
- veterinarian
- vaccination
- cage
- collar
- leash
- crate
- perch
- mammal
- domestic
- fur
- feathers
- whiskers
- groom
- dog/puppy
- cat/kitten
- bird
- fish
- lizard
- snake
- hamster

- guinea pig
- gerbil
- turtle
- frog
- tank
- heat lamp
- bedding
- reptile
- mammal
- cage
- rabbit
- turtle
- salamander
- swim
- crawl
- hop
- slither
- pet store
- iguana
- petting

- fed
- bit
- grew
- shell
- tight/loose
- small/smaller/smallest
- habitat
- meadow
- woods
PETS: Suggested Books for Classroom:

- Have You Seen My Cat by Eric Carle
- Franklin Wants A Pet
- Cookie’s Week

- How Much Is That Doggie in the Window? By Iza Trapani
- A Bicycle for Rosaura
- How Many Pets Does Senora Amelia Have?

- Clifford the Big Red Dog
- Clifford’s Kitten
- Pet Show!
- Biscuit

- Millions of Cats
- Rainbow Fish
- Franklin wants a Pet
- Clifford, The Small Red Puppy
- Digging – Est Dog
Pet Lesson Ideas

Community Helpers:
- Veterinarian
- Pet Trainer
- Animal Control
- Personnel Pet
- Shop Owner

Nursery Rhyme:
- B-I-N-G-O
- How Much is the Doggy in the Window
- Hey Diddle Diddle
- Three Little Kittens
Teaching Hot Questions Video