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## Lesson Plan

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Activity: Pets in The Classroom- Oreo the Guinea Pig

Grade(s): All Level Elementary

ASCA Mindsets & Behaviors (Domain/Standard):

PS:A1 and A2 Acquire Self-knowledge and Interpersonal Skills (Compassions, Tolerance, Communication)

Learning Objective(s) (aligns with Competencies):

1. Develop positive attitudes toward self; Develop responsibility.

Students learn responsibility through feeding and caring for Oreo and taking the pet home over holidays. They also learn how to gently handle our pet.

2. Recognize and respect differences.

Having Oreo is a great way to discuss how they are the same or how they are different from other animals. This helps teach students how to respect others differences. Animals have different personalities just like people do.

3. Use effective communication skills.

Student loved to come visit Oreo especially when they needed a cool down break. They are able to talk to him and share their feelings with him.