

Community Based Instruction

Background Information: Community Based Instruction (CBI) is an instructional method that teaches students functional skills in the student’s natural environment. The goal of CBI is to teach students to function as independently as possible in multiple community environments to enhance their quality of life. This lesson plan is suggested for a special education classroom K-5 and should be modified and adapted to meet your classroom needs. Many accommodations were made to this lesson plan including fill in the blank shopping lists, Assistive Technology programs during the trip and pictures to help during whole group discussion. Please take and add what you need!

Objective: Students will be able to locate, compare, and purchase items to help support classroom pet at local pet store.

Before CBI Trip:

Whole Group Discussion:	<p>Students will participate in whole group discussion on the needs and wants of a classroom pet fish.</p> <p>Guiding questions: “What are some items that a fish NEEDS?” – water, food, tank “What are some items that we would WANT to add to the tank?” –plants, gravel, decorative rocks/items “What might be something important to have in a tank so it doesn’t get dirty?” – filter, water cleaning solution</p>
Computer Use:	<p>After whole group discussion, students will use computers and visit PetSmart’s website. On the site, students will navigate the page to find items for a Beta fish. Students will compile a shopping list with prices based on the needs and wants list made during whole group discussion. Students will print the list and use it on CBI trip. *example attached at bottom*</p>

CBI Trip:

Skills to be Addressed		
Community Navigation & Safety	Purchase Routines & Money Management	Community Resource Knowledge
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Follow bus safety rules -Check for cars when crossing street/parking lot -Locate and use correct entrance/exit doors -Identify where to seek assistance -Remain seated and follow safety rules 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Create shopping lists for a variety of purposes -Utilize signage to find needed items (aisle signs, department signs, etc) -Locate item on shopping list -Carry money in pocket/wallet -Locate item prices -Read/compare items -Determine if items/total fall within pre-determined budget -Estimate purchase totals (with or without calculator) -Complete a purchase routine (using a task analysis if needed) -Pay with cash 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Identify community safety officials and roles (police officer) -Identify other community helpers and their roles (employees) -Identify community buildings (pet store)

During CBI trip:	Students will use their printed shopping list to help gather items needed for their class pet fish. Students will be broken into 3 groups of 3 and will be assessed on the skills listed above. Students will be provided assistance as needed to help promote independence during the trip.
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After CBI Trip:

Follow Up:	Students will suggest names for their class fish and will agree on a name. Students will help teach put together the tank by adding the item that they purchased. Students will write a letter to their parents describing the trip and what they have learned about their new classroom pet.
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Mr. Kyro Blue Allen



****Update** - Pets in the Classroom provided an awesome opportunity for my students to go out into the community and purchase a fish and all the necessary items it needs to survive. They felt part of their community and were united as a class when they were at the store picking their fish and other items. The fish (Mr. Kryo Blue Allen) has been a focal point in our classroom and helps to improve my student’s social skills as they enjoy greeting those who come into our room and bringing them over to our fish. They are able to introduce the visitor to the fish and talk about him and his personality. It is a common interest they can share with others. They are concerned with Kyro’s health and even read to him or think he’s watching their behavior throughout the day. Kyro is a wonderful addition to our classroom and we are so grateful to have the opportunity to participate in an amazing program that benefits ALL students.**

Example PetSmart Shopping List

Check to Purchase	Item	Price
	 Fish Food	\$3.50
	 Orange Ball Aquarium Plant	\$3.00
	 Aquarium Plant	\$2.00
	 Filter Cartridge	\$5.00
	 Gravel	\$6.00
	 Long Term Fish Food Feeders	\$3.50