

Pets in the Classroom Lesson Plan for Kelli Brown's 1<sup>st</sup> grade classroom pet: Long Tail Lizard.

Writing Standards Covered: W.1.1., W.1.2, W.1.3

Purpose: Students will increase their writing fluency by writing weekly prompts in a writing journal. Prompts will address different genres such as opinion, informational and narrative.

Informative: Throughout the year we research facts and information about our classroom pet covering reptile's habitats, food, life cycle, physical features.

Opinion: identifying facts vs. opinions and write their opinions about

Narrative: create imaginary adventures with the class pet

\*Students share journal entries with upper grade peer partner who help them edit entries using given checkoff prompt sheet (checking capitalization, punctuation, does it make sense).