

## Lesson Plans and Ideas For a Class Guinea Pig

1. Allow students to brainstorm pet names and hold an election. (Social Studies- government standards)
2. Allow students to read to your class pet. (Reading- build fluency)
3. Using resources from the Rooted in Reading program (<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Rooted-in-Reading-3rd-Grade-The-BUNDLE-3172816>) students can read about guinea pigs. They can take notes and research about guinea pigs. (Reading- research, main idea and details, fact finding)

I also modified their writing prompt sheet to have students write a fictional narrative about “Smores” and his adventures. (Writing- fictional narrative, writing process including prewriting, draft, revise, edit, and final draft)  
Students also tried to draw Smores using the steps given to draw a hamster. Then we made modifications to make the hamster look more guinea pig like.