

Week 1 of: 9

2nd - 9 Weeks

Essential Question: Why is it important to learn about our class pet and how to care for him?

We will: Learn how to care for our aquatic turtle, learn cleaning care and feeding instructions for our class pet and explore their environment and diet.

I will: Be able to care for our class pet safely and appropriately by creating a wonderful home for him and learn skills to keep and maintain a pet independently of my own.

Learning Objective for Week: Students will analyze and learn about the aquatic turtle.

Objective 1: Define aquatic turtles and identify their characteristics.

Objective 2: Analyze aquatic habitats and diet.

Objective 3: Safety procedures, care and maintenance of aquatic turtles.

Notes: Students will have an opportunity everyday to earn money based on behavior and good choices to earn turns feeding and cleaning the turtle. Spending turtle time in sensory area and bringing a friend to visit Turtle Joe.

This is an Autism Unit where we solely focus on social/emotional and communication skills. The class pet "Turtle Joe" has been a great addition to our little classroom family and in helping students benefit several ways. The students are on a point system where they earn money based on behavior and good choices to get rewards and earn privileges such as cleaning and feeding the turtle. The student's sensory needs and demeanor have changed for the better since we implemented Turtle Joe into our program.





