

Small animal in the classroom proposal

Mrs. Renckly's Kindergarten Class 2019-2020

Pets help teach little people to become good friends
Classroom animals can be excellent resources to help make learning fun in all subjects. In math we have used our hamster to explore weight. In science we researched what hamsters like to eat. In reading we have shared many books about what hamsters need. In writing our class wrote a grant for a new habitat for our hamster. Even little people with no exposure to animals or nature in their home can see, feel, touch and make connections to responsibility and respect for life. Little people learn how their behavior and actions affect others.

Additional studies have shown that children from families with pets can better fight off infection than kids from non-pet households, showing significantly higher levels of immune system performance. When school attendance records were compared side by side, researchers discovered that kids with pets averaged more days at school every year than their pet-free counterparts.

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This same study showed that caring for pets helps improve school attendance.

Cleaning Schedule

Our furry friend's home will be cleaned each Wednesday afternoon. The students will work with the teacher to take care of this responsibility.

On weekends and holidays our friend will go home with the teacher.

The following are just a few of the standards that will be met with the help of our classroom pet.

K.LS.1 Describe and compare the growth and development of common living plants and animals

K.LS.2 Describe and compare the physical features of common living plants and animals

K.LS.3 Use observations to describe patterns of what a plants and animals need to survive.