

The Addition of Classroom Pets to our K3 Science Learning Center:

This coming school year my class lesson plans will be enhancing our science and math learning centers.

Our science learning center will consist of several science manipulatives and hands on learning experiences, along with live animals such as a Betta fish, hermit crabs, and either gerbils or hamsters in a protective and comfortable habitat, with live non-toxic live plants.

Our themed lessons throughout the year will introduce the preschool students to environments and survival of animals in their natural habitats, and learning about animal natural instincts. The children will discover that God gives animals natural instincts to provide for themselves and for their survival. They will also learn from observation about responsibilities taken on such as provision of food and water, the cleaning of habitats, and providing protection for these small animals from unnatural conditions when animals are kept in a simulated habitat.

Observing and recording behaviors of God's miraculous creatures will be a fun, exciting, and educational experience for my students, many of whom do not have an exposure to these small pets in their home life.