

DO THIS AT HOME
Everyone's Pet

Our class “pet” will be sent home with your child at some point during the school year.

What Your Child Will Learn

Children gain a better understanding of responsibility when they take care of a pet (real or pretend). Realizing what is involved in remembering to feed, play with, and care for the pet will help the child learn independence and also understand the importance of helping others. Having a group journal of the pet’s experiences is a fun way to reflect on the many different adventures everyone got to enjoy with a special, shared friend.

Materials Needed

stuffed animal (sent home by your child’s teacher)
group journal (sent home by your child’s teacher)

What to Do

- ▶ Encourage your child to take care of the pet as if it were real and to take pictures of the places he goes with the pet.
- ▶ Talk with your child about the places the pet went, the foods it “ate,” how well the pet “slept,” and so on. Be sure to ask open-ended questions to develop your child’s language skills.
- ▶ Help your child write about his experiences or draw pictures in the journal.

*You can download this activity and the other at-home activities in this book at
www.centerforresilientchildren.org/SSES.