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ANIMAL SHELTER DRAMATIC PLAY KIT



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IF YOU'VE CAPTURED PHOTOS OR VIDEOS OF YOUR CLASSROOM USING THE **ANIMAL SHELTER DRAMATIC PLAY KIT**, SUBMIT THEM TO BE SHARED ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA BY SCANNING THIS QR CODE!

SHARE A STORY

HAVE SOME THOUGHTS YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE WITH US? WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU! SUBMIT YOUR FEEDBACK TO HELP US IMPROVE OUR HUMANE EDUCATION PROGRAMMING BY SCANNING THIS QR CODE.



WHAT WILL STUDENTS LEARN?

EMPATHY

DRAMATIC PLAY PROVIDES THE OPPORTUNITY FOR CHILDREN TO ENGAGE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE THROUGH UNDERSTANDING THE NEEDS OF DIFFERENT CHARACTERS; BOTH HUMAN AND ANIMAL.



FINE MOTOR SKILLS

PRACTICING FINE MOTOR SKILLS, SUCH AS OPENING AND CLOSING LIDS AND BUCKLES, OR WRITING AND COLORING, IS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION; DEVELOPING A CHILD'S DEXTERITY AND STRENGTH.

PROBLEM SOLVING

WITHIN AN EDUCATOR SUPPORTED ENVIRONMENT, COOPERATIVE PLAY PRESENTS LIFE-LIKE CHALLENGES, WHERE CHILDREN HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN PROBLEM SOLVING STRATEGIES WHILE PRACTICING VALUABLE COMMUNICATION, GROUP WORK, AND CREATIVE THINKING SKILLS.



PREP YOUR CLASSROOM

WHAT DO I NEED?

TREAT THIS KIT AS AN ACTIVITY STATION IN YOUR CLASSROOM! CREATE A SHELTER SPACE BY LAYING THE SIX PLASTIC TRAYS ON TOP OF A TABLE OR SHELF SAFELY WITHIN YOUR STUDENTS REACH. PLACE EACH TOY PET INSIDE OF THEIR OWN TRAY, AND ATTACH AND HANG THEIR RESPECTIVE PET PORTFOLIO TO THEIR NEW 'KENNEL'. VOILA! YOUR CLASSROOM NOW HAS THEIR OWN ANIMAL SHELTER! ALL THAT'S LEFT IS CREATING AN AREA FOR PET SUPPLIES, GROOMING, AND ADOPTIONS!

LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

WHAT INSPIRES YOUR STUDENTS TO LEARN? PERHAPS YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD COSTUMES TO HELP THEM EMBODY THEIR ROLE AT THE ANIMAL SHELTER OR PLAY MUSIC THAT WILL HELP THEM FOCUS? WHETHER IT'S AMBIANCE OR CREATING AN ACCOMMODATING SPACE FOR STUDENTS WHO EXPERIENCE DISABILITIES, BE SURE TO MAKE APPROPRIATE CONSIDERATIONS THAT AID IN YOUR STUDENT'S LEARNING WHEN SETTING UP THE **ANIMAL SHELTER DRAMATIC PLAY KIT** IN YOUR CLASSROOM.

TIPS & TRICKS

NO SWEAT! WE KNOW ACCIDENTS HAPPEN AND THAT KIT ITEMS MAY BREAK OR REQUIRE REPLENISHMENT. TO HELP THE NEXT CLASSROOM ENJOY THE **ANIMAL SHELTER DRAMATIC PLAY KIT** AS MUCH AS YOU HAVE, ENCOURAGE YOUR STUDENTS TO TREAT EACH ITEM AS THOUGH IT WERE REAL! CREATE AN ON-GOING DIALOG ABOUT TREATING ANIMALS WITH RESPECT AND KINDNESS BY PRACTICING WITH THE TOY PETS. HOW DO WE CARRY A CAT OR DOG? WHAT DO WE DO IF WATER IS SPILLED? NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF MODELLING APPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR AND PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE!

HOW DO I USE THIS KIT?

1. PRE-ASSESSMENT

AS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF LEARNING, PRE-ASSESS YOUR STUDENTS TO UNDERSTAND THEIR CURRENT KNOWLEDGE OF ANIMAL CARE. WHILE THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO CONDUCT A PRE-ASSESSMENT, WE RECOMMEND READING THE BOOK INCLUDED WITH THIS KIT, "ARE YOU READY FOR ME?" BY CLAIRE BUCHWALD AS A GROUP TO SPARK A DIALOG ABOUT RESPONSIBLE PET CARE!

2. SET-UP

GET THE MOST OUT OF EVERY ITEM BY UNPACKING THE **ANIMAL SHELTER DRAMATIC PLAY KIT** AS A GROUP! FOSTER A COLLABORATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT BY PRESENTING EACH ITEM, SHARING HOW THE ITEM IS USED IN ANIMAL CARE, AND PROMOTING PEER-SUPPORTED LEARNING DURING PLAY!

3. FREE-PLAY OR CHILD-LED LEARNING?

WHAT ROLE DO YOU PLAY AS AN EDUCATOR? EMPOWER YOUR STUDENTS TO ENGAGE IN CHILD-LED LEARNING BY IMMERSING YOURSELF IN PLAY! WHILE THIS KIT IS MAY BE USED DURING FREE-PLAY, CHILD-LED LEARNING SUPPORTED BY AN EDUCATOR DURING PLAY, BOOSTS LEARNING.

4. POST-ASSESSMENT

WHAT DID MY STUDENTS LEARN THROUGH USING THE **ANIMAL SHELTER DRAMATIC PLAY KIT**? POST-ASSESSMENT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE TESTING! WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED BY INCLUDING AN ACTIVITY TEMPLATE WHERE STUDENTS MAY USE THEIR CREATIVE SKILLS TO ARTICULATE THEIR EXPERIENCE!

KIT INVENTORY

- 1 COPY OF 'ARE YOU READY FOR ME?' BY CLAIRE BUCHWALD
- POST-ASSESSMENT ACTIVITY TEMPLATE HANDOUTS
- 6 ANIMAL SHELTER INTEREST SURVEYS: TYPE OF OWNER
- 6 ANIMAL SHELTER INTEREST SURVEYS: TYPE OF PET
- 6 PET PROFILES (1 FOR EACH PET)
- 6 PET ADOPTION AGREEMENTS
- 6 PLASTIC TRAYS FOR INDIVIDUAL 'PET KENNELS'
- 3 TOY DOGS
- 3 TOY CATS
- 3 DOG COLLARS (INCLUDING DOG LICENSE TAGS)
- 3 CAT HARNESES (INCLUDING CAT LICENSE TAGS)
- 3 DOG LEASHES
- 1 TOY PET CARRIER
- 3 MINI-BLANKETS
- 3 DOG TOYS
- 3 CAT TOYS
- 2 DOG DISHES
- 2 CAT FOOD DISHES
- 1 CONTAINER OF 'DOG FOOD'
- 1 CONTAINER OF 'CAT FOOD'
- 1 CONTAINER OF 'WET CAT FOOD'
- 1 CONTAINER OF 'DOG TREATS'
- 1 CONTAINER OF 'CAT TREATS'
- 1 BOTTLE OF 'WATER'
- 1 BOTTLE OF 'PET SHAMPOO'
- 2 MINI DRY-ERASE MARKERS & MINI BOTTLE OF DRY ERASE CLEANER
- 1 'VETERINARY KIT' INCLUDING:
 - EYE SCOPE
 - THERMOMETER
 - VETERINARY TAPE
 - TWEEZER
 - SYRINGE
 - PLASTIC CONE FOR PET'S HEAD
 - SCISSORS
 - STETHOSCOPE



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HOW DID YOU HELP AT THE ANIMAL SHELTER?

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