

Core Skills Analysis

Social Studies

- Understanding the concept of companionship and loyalty through building a bond with the dog.
- Learning about empathy and responsibility by taking care of the dog's needs.
- Exploring the importance of rules and boundaries in interactions with the dog.
- Gaining insight into cultural perspectives on the role of dogs in society.

Tips

Engage the student in discussions about different dog breeds and their origins, encouraging them to research and present findings. Encourage journaling about daily interactions with the dog to develop writing skills. Create a mini 'obstacle course' for the dog that incorporates Social Studies concepts like teamwork and perseverance. Consider involving the student in a local animal shelter volunteering program to further reinforce the social studies lessons learned through playing with dogs.

Book Recommendations

- [May I Pet Your Dog?: The How-to Guide for Kids Meeting Dogs \(and Dogs Meeting Kids\)](#) by Stephanie Calmenson: A fun and informative book for kids learning about interacting with dogs in a safe and respectful manner.
- [Wanted! A Guinea Pig Called Henry](#) by Wendy Orr: An engaging story about a boy's responsibility in taking care of his pet guinea pig, fostering empathy and understanding of pet care.
- [The Stray Dog](#) by Marc Simont: A heartwarming tale about unexpected friendships and the power of companionship between a family and a stray dog.