



Science Summer Toolbox Lessons: Living Things

Overview: Provide children with the opportunity to care for a small pet or insect such as a fish, turtle, caterpillar, ladybug, etc. By doing this activity, children explore the science of what living things need to survive. They will also learn about responsibility, empathy and routines.

Journal Activity

Materials needed:

Small pet/insect
Journal
Writing and drawing utensils
Glue

Have your child record the various steps needed to take care of an animal or an insect. For example, what food was given to the animal? How much and how often? Your child can use letters to form short words or draw pictures to keep a "journal" or how he or she is caring for the small creature from day to day.

Some questions to ask include:

How do you know if the animal is hungry?

If the animal is sick, what should we do?

What kinds of things does your animal do during the day?

Modification for Children with Disabilities: For children with disabilities, use pictures from magazines or print pictures from the internet of various steps to caring for an animal. Have your child sort the pictures and attach them to the journal.