



From SAIL: **S**ystems
Aligned **I**n Learning

The Be **READY** Rover Review

April's Storytime Theme: **Pets!** **Featured books:**

READ



Harry the Dirty Dog

Gene Zion



Bark, George

Jules Feiffer



Who Lives Here?

Kathleen Rizzi

We try to achieve the 6 early literacy skills - Print Motivation, Print Awareness, Letter Knowledge, Vocabulary, Phonological Awareness (rhyming words), and Narrative Skills – by including 5 basic activities in our lesson plans: TALK, SING, READ, WRITE, PLAY.

TALK

Game: **Pet or Not a Pet**—Children identify and sort pictures of animals

Song/Chant: **My Dog Rags**

SING

I have a dog, his name is Rags.
He eats so much that his tummy sags!
His ears flip-flop, (hands at either side of head flip flop)
And his tail wig-wags (hips wiggle)
And when he walks he zigs and zags .(arms cross)
Flip-flop, wig-wag, zig zag (twice)
My dog Rags he loves to play.
He rolls around in the mud all day .(roll arms)
I whistle (whistle or mime it) but he won't obey.
He always runs the other way. (turn around and run in place)

PLAY

The children can play with our **Pet Vet Kit** (with a real stethoscope!), pretending to be veterinarians with their stuffed pets.

WRITE

Take Home cards: The children can color and make Harry clean and dirty, or color the pet pictures and connect them to their homes.

MORE IDEAS for PETS:

Animal Charades (kids love these, and they can learn about animals, too.)

Song: "There was a Farmer who had a dog and Bingo was his name-o, B-I-N-G-O (2 more X) and Bingo was his name-o." Repeat, and replace "B" with a clap. Next repeat, replace "B" and "I" with claps, and so on. Draw the letters on a board and erase them as they're replaced with claps.

Rhyme: *3 Little Kittens*, with actions. If you're a little rusty on the lyrics, you can go to www.MotherGooseClub.com.



Did you know the Rover has books on DVD?

TIP:

Looking for ideas, books, apps, and a fun game that will help your children "Cruise Into Kindergarten?"

Go to pacruisetok.org

SUPER EASY CRAFT:

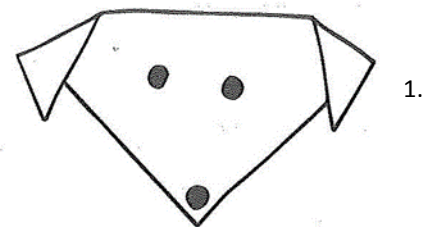


Figure 19.1 Dog face

1. Cut a large triangle
2. Fold over 2 corners for ears
3. Let children apply dot stickers for eyes& nose; color.

If there are certain books or kinds of materials you would like to be brought out to you, just let us know. You can call Mary at 717-207-0500 X

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