

Take Your Pet to School Day

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Synopsis: When pets show up with their kids at Maple View Elementary, it's total chaos! These animals have no respect for school rules, and every class quickly gets out of hand. But why did they show up in the first place? Who said they could come? Could it have been...the pets themselves? It turns out they just wanted in on the fun! Now, if they want to stay, they'll just have to behave....

Suggested Reading Dates: National Pet Day is April 11th although this book would work at the beginning of the year in establishing school norms.

Activity Descriptions:

- Create your own pet parade with pets made out of lunch paper bags!
- Create a "T Chart" as a catalyst for the positives and negatives to bringing a pet to school. Have your class vote at the end of each class and keep an on-going tally.
- Write a letter to your principal as a class to convince him/her that there should be a "Take Your Pet to School Day."
- Bring in a local veterinarian or individual from a pet shelter to talk about pets

Related Websites:

- Author Website: <http://lindaashman.com/>
- Illustrator Website: <http://suzannekaufman.com/>
- Paper bag Pet Ideas via PBS: <https://www.pbs.org/parents/crafts-and-experiments/paper-bag-animals>
- T-Chart: <http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/printouts/T-Chart.pdf>

Text to Text Connections:

The Pigeon Has to Go to School by Mo Willems
Click Clack Moo Cows that Type by Doreen Cronin
I Wanna Iguana by Karen Kauffman Orloff

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