

Pet Report – Problem Solving - Expansion Activity:

After Class completes their Pet reports bring a stuffed animal or shelter dog picture in a frame into the classroom and have the kids imagine that the dog is their pet.

Cut the Challenges into strips of paper and have the kids draw a weekly challenge. Have them research solutions to help the dog succeed. (may need some research and obviously they need to understand the absurdity of having a classroom pet, so make sure to discuss that although this simulation is just for fun and silly to even think of having a classroom dog, they need to also understand the seriousness of solving problems for pets if the dog was doing these same behaviors in the home.)

Classroom Pet Challenges:

Dog ate all the lunches out of the lunch bags and threw up all over the classroom. Now the students have no lunch and the classroom is a mess

Student is allergic to the dog

School scheduled a field trip but the principal said the class couldn't leave the dog alone in the classroom.

Dog keeps barking and the teacher next door is complaining

Dog is chasing the teacher's cat so she cannot take the dog home at night anymore

Dog chewed up ALL of the balls and now class has no balls to play with at recess

Dog ate everyone's homework

Dog cannot relax in the classroom long enough, has too much energy no one can get their work done

Dog is pooping near the slide and kids are landing in it, now there is poop all over the school

Dog is growling when others enter the classroom (guarding and protecting the students)

Dog keeps getting out to chase the class hamster in room 3