

The "Puppy" Series

(1) *The New Puppy* (2) *Puppy Goes To The Vet* (3) *Playing With Puppy*

(4) *Puppy's First Birthday*

This is a delightful series of 4 photographic nonfiction books describing the events taking place during the first year of a puppy's life. These books are designed to meet the needs of beginning readers and writers.

High Frequency words: (1) here, is, the, her (2) today, goes, let's, look, at, your, in (3) to, will, play, want, can, get, got, all (4) your, like, all, and, try, with, next

Suggested Teaching Ideas and Activities:

- Survey, graph and record the different pets children have
- Discuss care and needs of pets
- Visit a pet store or shelter
- Invite a veterinarian in to discuss care of dogs
- Establish a pet centre in classroom
- List the different ways dogs help people
- Have a pet day in class: children bring their pets or pictures of pets and share something special about them
- Plan a birthday party for their pet
- Write and illustrate a story about their favourite pet
- Make a riddle book about different pets
- Dramatize various pets and their activities
- Discuss pet safety
- Read fiction and nonfiction books about pets

Other Suggested Pet Books from Curriculum Plus: *Superdog, Superdog to the Rescue, Superdog Helps Mr Black, Superdog at the Crosswalk, Superdog Helps Firefighter Ed, Dog Overboard, Bowser Meets Skunk, Bowser Meets Porcupine, Getting a Pet, Owning a Cat, A Pet for Little Brother, Where is Scully?*

The "School Garden" Series

(1) *Planting Our School Garden* (2) *Our School Garden Grows*

(3) *Harvesting Our School Garden* (4) *Garden Vegetable Soup*

This is a practical series of 4 nonfiction books explaining the steps involved from planting, growing, harvesting and enjoying a vegetable garden. It is especially suited to springtime and it informs the students how to grow vegetables and enjoy the results. These books are designed to meet the needs of beginning readers and writers.

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Suggested Teaching Ideas and Activities:

- Provide samples of various vegetables to observe and taste
- Visit a garden centre or have a gardener visit the class
- List some vegetables they would like to grow and materials needed
- Make a class garden outside or in the classroom
- Measure, record and graph the growth of the plants over time
- Identify the parts of the plant and what is needed to help them grow
- Review and list the chores for caring for plants
- Make a class diary on the changes of their garden
- Discuss and record various things they could make with vegetables.
- Teach the nutritional value of vegetables
- List and follow the steps in making vegetable soup
- Try production line cooking (e.g. ants on a log, vegetable pizza)
- Make "Friendship Soup": children each bring their favourite ingredient
- Establish a grocery centre in the classroom, classify and sort foods
- Share vegetable recipes and compile a class book

Other Suggested Food Books from Curriculum Plus:

Apple Tree , Fruit Salad, Making Roti, Making Cookies, The Pizza Visit, Fishcakes for Supper, Fiddleheads , Making Maple Syrup.

