

## **Cats**

### **Ideas for Teaching About Cats**

People can share their experiences about cats, ask questions they would like answered, and do research to find answers. Sharing can be done in discussions. Written or multimedia presentations can be created. Cat puppets can be used to share information. Cat puppets can talk to each other, to a person puppet, or real person audiences about various topics.

#### **Science**

- Share known information and ask questions to guide research about cats.
- Learn about different types of cats.
- Tell what kind of care cats need.
- Discuss life cycles of cats. Use a time line to illustrate information found.
- Tell about various characteristics.
- Tell about the body structure of cats and how that structure helps them function.
- Tell about the place of cats in the ecosystem.
- Tell about food needs and preferences.
- Learn about various types of wild and domestic cats.

#### **Social Studies**

- Tell about their place in history.
- Tell about sounds they make in different languages.
- Tell how they relate to people.
- Tell what place they have as a symbol in society.
- Tell what their presence has meant in the political arena of societies.
- Tell what the place of a cat is as a wild as well as a domesticated animal.
- What have been the major superstitions about cats?
- How did the cat become a part of the celebration of Halloween?
- Locate the origins of various types of cats on a map.
- What has been the economic value of cats?
- How are cats regarded in societies throughout the world?

#### **Music**

- Sing or teach cat songs.
- Learn about the various sounds and songs of cats.
- What parts have cats had in classical music?

#### **Art**

- How have cats been portrayed in famous paintings or sculpture?
- How have cats been seen by folk artists? (Greeting cards, craft work, and other drawings and craft work of adults and children.)
- Observe cats to learn about their structure and beauty.

#### **Language Arts/Literature/Reading**

- Stories about cats.
- Roles taken in stories.
- Poetry about cats.
- Cats in the literature of various cultures.
- Riddles and jokes about cats.
- Cats as comical characters.
- Cats in newspapers and journals.
- Cats in cartoons.

#### **Mathematics**

- The life and age of cats.
- Numbers of cats in society and their reproductive rates.
- Cost of care as it relates to food and health.
- Measurement of cats as it relates to size, weight, and types of footprints.