



Creative Curriculums

PLAYING WITH POCKET BUNNIES

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Best for grades 2nd—5th

PA Standards Aligned:

CC1.4K-5.M: Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events

9.1.3-5.A: Know & use the elements & principles of each art form to create works in the
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INTRODUCING POCKET BUNNY!

Make your own playful bunny that fits easily into your pocket so they can always be with you!

Materials: a t-shirt, scissors, ruler, and markers

Video at: www.Trustarts.org/CreativeConnections



Cut off the bottom hem, fold shirt in half length-wise, lay flat, measure up six inches from the bottom and draw a line. Cut on the line, creating a long loop of fabric. Tie a knot at one end, then tie another knot directly on top of the first one, leaving the other end of the fabric untied.



Lay the loose end flat & cut in half length-wise to the knot. Trim the two pieces into ear shapes. Tie a tight knot at the base of each ear so they stand up. Draw a friendly face, and say hello to your very own pocket bunny!

Give your bunny a name and write 1 –2 sentences about your new friend.

What makes them happy? Do they have any secret super powers? Where do they hope to travel to?

POCKET BUNNY THE STORY BEGINS!

Now that you have made your pocket bunny, let's send them on an adventure to a far away land!

Materials: pencil, paper, and crayons, markers, or whatever you like to use to draw

First, decide where they are going. This does not have to be a real place, but it can be if that is what you want. Use your imagination! You can make this adventure whatever you want it to be.

Your bunny could travel around the universe and discover a new planet...

They could journey to a hidden city behind a waterfall that only they know about...

They might explore the rainforests in Brazil or brave the frozen landscape of Greenland...

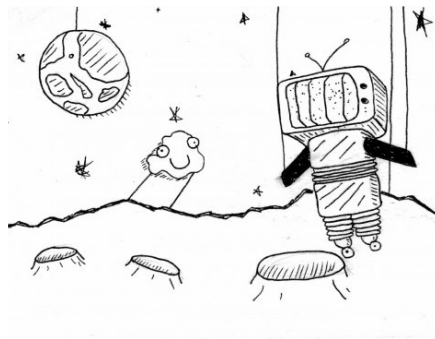
Write 4 –5 words to describe your bunny's destination.

Next, get a piece of paper and draw it out any way you like.

You might draw the first thing you think your bunny will see when they get there...

Or might draw the map they have that shows them how to get there...

Or you might draw a sequence of pictures showing several different sites they see...



Once your drawing is complete, write 2 –3 sentences about your bunny's big adventure.

Where did they go? What did they do when they arrived there? Did they meet anyone?

POCKET BUNNY MAKES A FRIEND

Adventures are more fun with someone, let's make a friend for your pocket bunny!

Materials: art supplies, scissors, glue, sock, paper, plastic bottles, or any other item that can be repurposed into a creature.



What kind of creature do you want to make? This does not need to be real, a made-up one is great.

Does your creature have scales, or fur, or slimy skin?

How does your creature move? Do they have lots of arms/legs or none at all?

What color are they? Do they have a pattern on them?



Make a silly sock worm! Cut the band off the sock. Tie a knot in the toe to form the head. Tie more knots along the body. Draw a friendly face, and introduce your pocket bunny to their new friend!

Look around to see what you can find that you can transform into your creature. Use your imagination!



Once you have made your new friend, give them a name and write 3 –4 sentences about them.

What kind of creature are they? How did they meet your bunny? What do the two friends like to do together?

FAMILY TIME WITH POCKET BUNNY!

Bunnies love their large families! Now, gather up yours and teach everyone how to make their own pocket bunny.

Materials: t-shirts, scissors, rulers, markers, and yarn, ribbon, etc



Once everyone has made theirs, try one (or more) of these fun activities:

Pocket bunny chorus

- Raise your voices and sing your favorite songs, bunny-style!
- Experiment with different types of voices, the sillier the better.
- Take turns picking songs and being the lead singer
- Next level: create some bunny dance moves to accompany your singing

Pocket bunny scavenger hunt

- Gather up everyone's pocket bunnies
- Have one person hide all the bunnies in one room while everyone else waits in a different room
- Everyone tries to find their own bunny, but they can only take 1 step at a time
- The person who hid them calls "hot or cold" in response to how close each person is to their bunny
- Variation: try to find as many pocket bunnies as you can but NOT your own, tie a ribbon on one bunny and try to find that one, if you find one without a ribbon you are out
- Next level: hide just one pocket bunny and create a series of clues to follow in order to find it

Pocket bunny fashion show:

- Give your pocket bunny a makeover by making them fashionable accessories, such as bow ties, sunglasses, or even a superhero cape!
- Now that your bunny is looking their best, it is time for you to get in on the fun, & make a coordinating accessory for yourself
- Once everyone is fabulously fashionable, it is time to strut your stuff
- Create a "runway" add some music, and work it. Don't forget to strike a pose!
- Next level: Pocket bunny fashion shoot!