

Build a Print-Rich Environment with Bulletin Boards!

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Ages 0-3

Pets We Know

Invite families to bring in photos of their pets. Families who do not have pets can bring photos of familiar pets that belong to neighbors or their extended families. Encourage them to include the children in the photos, if possible. Attach the photos to squares cut from assorted colors of paper. Cover the bulletin board in purple paper or fabric and add a white border. Display the photos on the board with the caption "Pets We Know." Refer to the photos often as you carry out activities related to pets.



Ages 3-5

We Love Our Pets!

Cover your bulletin board with colorful paper. Add a decorative border, if desired. Invite children to draw their favorite pets on sheets of paper. They may wish to also create props such as a bowl or house for their pets. Attach the pictures to the board. Add the title "We Love Our Pets!"

Ages 3-5

Our Growing Garden

Give each child a paper plate. Have children paint the plate as a sunflower. Let dry. Then, show children how to cut around the edges of the plate, down to the inner circle, to create petals. Spread glue over the inner circle. Provide sunflower seeds in the shell for children to attach to the center of the circle until it's completely covered. (You can also stamp fingerprints instead of using seeds.) Attach the sunflowers to the board. Invite children to draw stems, leaves, and grass. Add the title "Our Growing Garden."

