

Pete the Cat: Rocking in My School Shoes

Extension Activities for the Classroom

Art:

Pete the Cat Headband



Have each student glue eyes, ears, a nose, and whiskers onto a blue strip of paper to make Pete's face. Help them measure their heads and staple the bands to fit. Now, have all those cats act out the story as you read!

Pete the Cat Shape Craft

Review shapes with class. Next have each child follow step by step instructions to construct Pete (using the precut shapes).

<http://www.kidssoup.com/craft-and-resource/pete-the-cat-shapes-artwork#sthash.f778rnFc.qjtu>



Guitar Making

Must collect cereal boxes and cardboard tubes ahead of time:



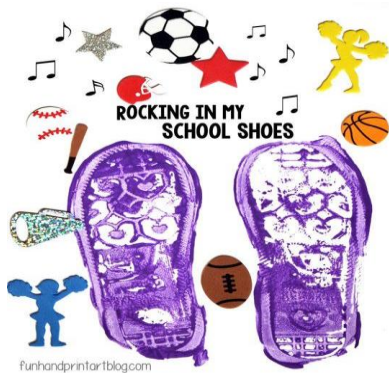
Each child will make a guitar from the recycled materials (plus rubber bands and tape). <https://preschoolsteam.com/pete-cat-preschool-stem-activity/>

See links below for two simple guitar videos for preschoolers.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=2&v=l38Op5qGP4I

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4OPTwu5Fmyc>

Shoe Prints



Trace each child's shoes, or have them trace, on large sheets of paper. If you are brave, and outside, paint the bottom of their shoes [sparingly] and have them make shoe prints on the paper.) Decorate traced shoes with paint/markers, decorate both types with school related stickers.

*These paper shoes can be used for the "Pete Says" game below.

Games:

"Pete Says" Game

Tape paper shoe shapes around the room (on the floor). Children stand on their shoes and play "Pete Says" ("Simon Says"). For at least one instruction, use the shoe cutouts: "Pete Says step in front of your paper shoes," "Jump off your paper shoes," "Jump on your paper shoes." For your last instruction, sing, "Pete the Cat: Rocking in My School Shoes" and tell the students, "Pete Says to start rocking!" Want to hear how the song/chant can sound? Lots of internet options to check out. For example:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IUVgSWsyIE8&list=PLuzeFGWA3a-7qNGsXyNHTw9Au6blfUGao>

If you and your students enjoyed reading *Pete the Cat: Rocking in my School Shoes*, be sure to check out these books too:

- *Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes* by James Dean
- *Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons* by James Dean
- *Red Shoes* by Karen English
- *Wild Symphony* by Dan Brown
- *Kicks* by Van G. Garrett