

Theme: National Pet Day: Meet Hina

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Hello StrongStart families,

Today's email is put together by Ms. Maxine (Champlain Annex).



Did you know that National Pet Day is on April 11? We love our pets a lot everyday but on National Pet Day, let's give them some extra love 😊. In my home, I have a dog - meet Hina (*hee-na*)! She was born on June 20, 2020. We adopted her when she was 8 weeks old. Hina is 3/4 Shiba Inu and 1/4 Collie. Her favourite thing to do is eat and eat and eat. Do you have any pets? If so, what are their names and what do you like to do with your pet?



If you don't have a puppy at home, that's okay. We will be making our own dogs from paper plates today!

Materials: paper plate, construction paper (brown, black, white, tan), markers, googly eyes and glue.

Instructions:

- Cut out the parts for the dog's face (two floppy ears, one round nose, one eye patch, etc). You can make your dog look however you like! You can even paint the paper plate to change the colour of your dog.
- Glue the ears to the side of the paper plate. Assemble the dog's face.
- Using markers, give your dog special features like a spots or curls.



For older children, you can do rock drawing/painting of your dog. First, you will need to find a flat rock. Then, you draw the face onto the rock and colour with markers or paint. Place these pup rocks outside your door or on your windowsill.



After your crafts, join Ms. Cindy (from Cook) for a story time where she reads "RRRALPH" by Lois Ehlert - <https://youtu.be/314ZMdzaTkl>



Of course, we cannot forget our most sung dog song, B-I-N-G-O! Bingo is a song great for toddlers as it is a repetition song.

*There was a farmer who had a dog,
And Bingo was his name-o.
B-I-N-G-O, B-I-N-G-O, B-I-N-G-O.
And Bingo was his name-o!*

*There was a farmer who had a dog,
And Bingo was his name-o.
(clap)-I-N-G-O, (clap)-I-N-G-O, (clap)-I-N-G-O.
And Bingo was his name-o!*

Repeat the same verse but replace the next letter with a 'clap'.



To finish up, let's just Ms. Maxine for a draw-and-tell story called "Where Is My Dog, Hina?"
- <https://youtu.be/eMymws4cP8c>.



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