#### I Need a Gecko!

Dear Mom and Dad,

Since we've been learning about geckos at school. I think a gecko would be a great pet. Dogs bark and cats meow, but geckos are silent! Geckos are also very clean. They don't chew things up in the house. Or need a litter box. Unlike a dog that needs a walk every day. A gecko is happy in its tank all the time. Having a pet will teach me responsibility. I promise to take great care of my pet gecko!

# My Dog, Sadie

I got my dog, Sadie, at the animal shelter. She is a great dog! Sadie loves to play. Her favorite toy is a squeaky ball. She could chase it for hours. The best place to take Sadie is the park. She loves chasing the squirrels there!

# Cooking Class

My grandma loves cooking. I love it, too! we decided to take a cooking class together. I liked making grilled cheese sandwiches. I'm even more excited to bake cookies. We are also learning to cook vegetables. We can make healthy meals for our family.

#### Cheetahs

Before catching its prey, a cheetah is quiet and sly, waiting for an antelope or rabbit to come near. Then, the hunt is on! Swiftly, the cheetah races toward its meal, reaching speeds up to 60 miles per hour! The cheetah hauls the prey to a spot where it can hide from other hungry animals.

## Lily

Yawning, stretching, and extending her claws, Lily looks like a waking lion in the morning! But her purring noises show everyone she is a sweet, loving cat. My meowing cat Lily loves to play. Her favorite toy looks like a fishing pole with a feather on the end. Waving and swirling, the feather catches her attention and . . . POUNCE!

### Fishing

At daybreak, my dad and I stood at the car with poles, hooks, and worms. We were ready to go. I helped Mom carry the big basket of food to the car. We were off for our fishing adventure! As we drove out of town, we knew that today was going to be the perfect day. We hoped the fish knew it, too!

### Soccer

Wow! I love soccer. Soccer is a great game. Soccer teaches you about teamwork and being fair. Soccer is an easy game to learn. You don't need a lot of equipment to play soccer. Anyone can play!

# The Mighty Lion

He roars. Then he paces and roars again. The king of the jungle walks in circles and then, with a sigh, arranges his huge body for sleep.

### Longer Recess

Do you want students to be more physically fit? Do you want them to learn how to get along with their classmates? What about their behavior in school—would you like it to improve? If the answer to all these questions is "Yes!" there's a great way to make all these things happen. Make recess longer! Studies show that students do better in school and are healthier when they have time during the school day to play.

### Visit Auroral

Aurora has an exciting water playground with slides for beginners and experts. The Aurora zoo is home to majestic wolves and playful otters. You can ride a wagon out to the fields and pick your own pumpkin at Aurora's Pioneer Park. For these reasons, you should visit Aurora.