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Technology Tip # 2

Do you have a computer in your classroom?

Do you teach a subject with lots of new vocabulary?

Do you teach spelling?

If you answered yes to any of the questions above then you could be using your computer screen saver to assist you.

- Just right click on your desktop and click on properties.
- Click on screen saver.
- Click on marquee.
- Slow down the speed.
- Click on settings.
- Type the words you want to have scrolling across your computer screen when it isn't in use.
- Make any other adjustments to the fonts color, size, etc.
- Set the wait time and click ok to save your settings.

Now you will have the key vocabulary or spelling words scrolling throughout the day as a constant reminder.

Grant Writing Tip # 2

Pets in the Classroom

If you currently have a pet or have plans to introduce a pet into your classroom, you really need to check out the Pet Care Trust.

Just fill out the simple application and you could be on your way to receiving a certificate for as much as \$150 to spend on supplies to sustain or introduce a pet into your classroom.

Things to consider:

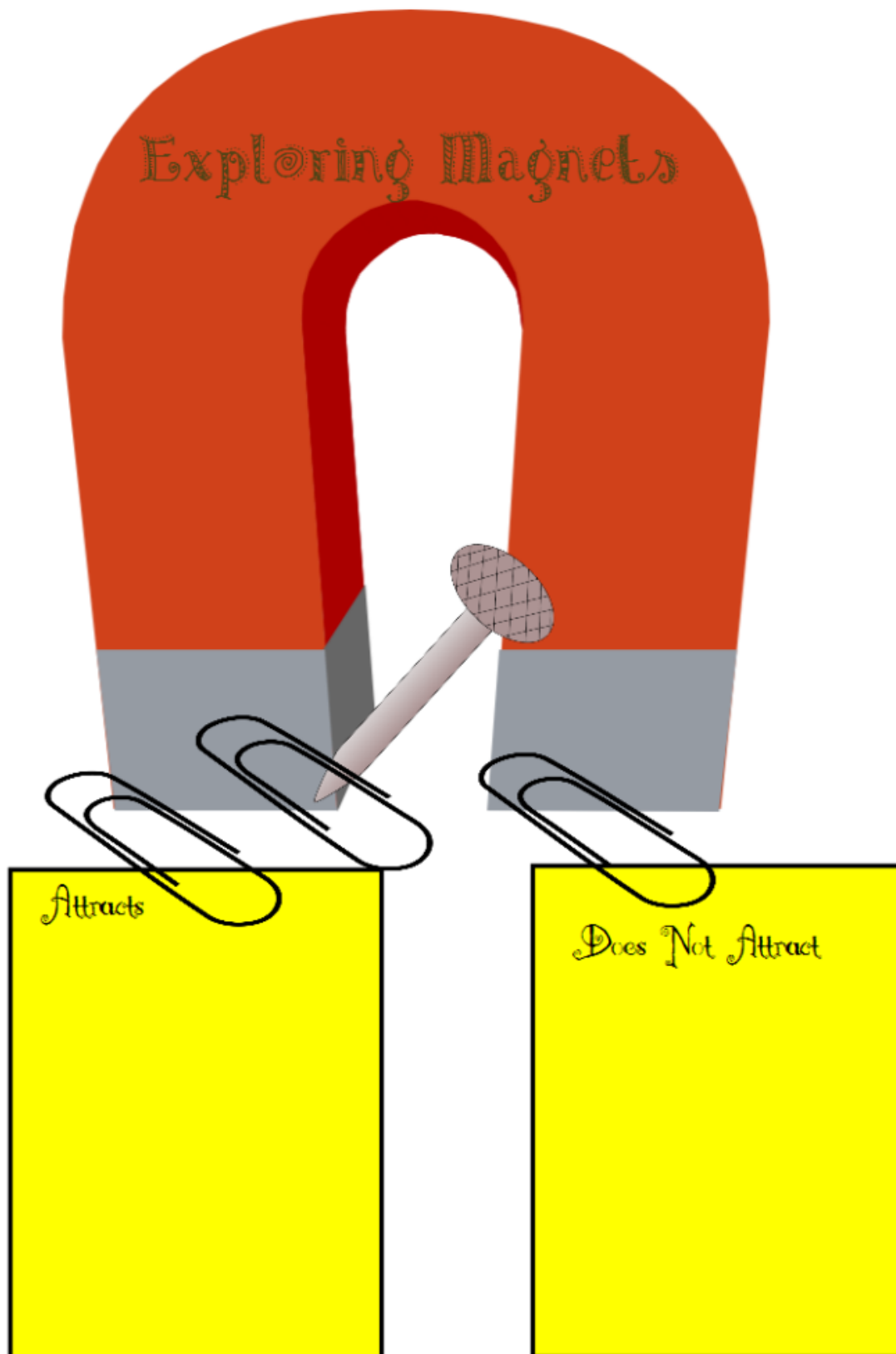
- ✓ You may need to have approval from your administrator prior to introducing a pet into your classroom.
- ✓ You should make sure you don't have students with allergies to animals.
- ✓ Who will care for the pet on weekends and during vacations.

For more information or to apply for the grant, visit

<http://www.petsintheclassroom.org/>

Use this worksheet to record student observations during a study of magnets.

Students explore the properties of magnets by listing objects that attract to magnets on one side and objects that do not attract on the other.





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