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Resource Guide

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Satin Capucilli and  
Illustrated by Pat Schories

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# Biscuit



VICTORIA THEATRE ASSOCIATION

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**at 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.**



Welcome to the 2018-2019 Discovery Series at Victoria Theatre Association. We are very excited to be your partner in providing professional arts experiences to you and your students!

Biscuit is a cute, eager, energetic yellow dog who only wants one more story... one more hug... one more kiss... you get the picture. Alyssa Capucilli's story was inspired by her daughter, who loved to babysit the neighbor's huge golden retriever! This new musical is a wonderful way for students to be inspired to pick up a book and read more about Biscuit's adventures. And let's be honest, there's no end to Biscuit's adventures!

The information and activities in this resource guide have been carefully crafted to help you and your students explore the many ways a live theatre experience can open up learning opportunities. Grade level icons will help you determine which activities are good for students, too. And don't forget to take advantage of the local resources listed inside to extend the play-going experience and make even more curricular connections for you and your students. Thank you again and welcome!

**Gary Minyard**  
Vice President of  
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# Curriculum Connection



You will find these icons listed in the resource guide next to the activities that indicate curricular connections. Teachers and parents are encouraged to adapt all of the activities included in an appropriate way for your students' age and abilities. *BISCUIT* fulfills the following National and Ohio State Standards and Benchmarks for grades Kindergarten through Grade 2:

### Ohio's New Learning Standards for English/Language Arts

- Kindergarten**- RL K.1, RL K.4, RL K.5
- Grade 1**- RL 1.2, RL 1.3
- Grade 2**- RL 2.1, RL 2.2, RL 2.7

### Ohio's New Learning Standards for Math

- Kindergarten**- Counting and Cardinality, Operations & Algebraic Thinking, Measurement & Data
- Grade 1**- Operations & Algebraic Thinking, Measurement & Data

### Ohio's New Learning Standards for Social Studies

- Kindergarten**- A Child's Place in Time and Space
- Grade 1**- Families Now and Long Ago, Near and Far
- Grade 2**- People Working Together

### Ohio's New Learning Standards for Science

- Grade 1-2**- Living things have basic needs, which are met by obtaining materials from the physical environment.

### National Core Arts Theatre Standards

- Pre K**- TH:Cr1.1.PK, TH:Pr4.1.PK, TH:Re7.1.PK, TH:Re8.1.PK, TH:Cn10.1.PK
- Kindergarten**- TH:Cr1.1.K, TH:Pr4.1.K, TH:Pr5.1.K, TH:Re8.1.K, TH:Cn10.1.K
- Grade 1**- TH:Cr1.1.1, TH:Pr4.1.1, TH:Pr5.1.1, TH:Re7.1.1, TH:Re8.1.1, TH:Cn10.1.1
- Grade 2**- TH:Cr1.1.2, TH:Pr4.1.2, TH:Pr5.1.2, TH:Re7.1.2, TH:Cn10.1.2

This resource guide was created by Natalie Katora. All activities are available for distribution and use in the classroom or at home.

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# About the Play



## Biscuit

Little Girl is thrilled when she receives Biscuit, the small yellow puppy who always wants one more hug, as a birthday present. But will this rambunctious puppy learn how to behave and accept being a part of a family? ArtsPower's popular musical features a frolicking little puppy who loves exploring, making new friends, and even stirring up some mischief, based on the iconic series of books by Alyssa Satin Capucilli and illustrator Pat Schories. With over 23 million books in print, *BISCUIT* is a modern classic!



## Spotlight on Alyssa Satin Capucilli



Alyssa Satin Capucilli is the author of the book series *Biscuit*. She lives in Hanstons-on-Hudson, New York with her husband and children. She also has a family pet, a chocolate Labrador retriever named Huckleberry. She has been rewarded with many writing awards such as the American Literacy Council Award, Children's Choice Award, and American Library Association Award. *Biscuit* incorporates themes from many books of the *Biscuit* series. The twelve books used in the musical are *Biscuit*, *Meet Biscuit*, *Biscuit and the Baby*, *Biscuit Wins a Prize*, *Biscuit Goes to School*, *Biscuit's Show and Share Day*, *Mind Your Manners*, *Biscuit's Big Friend*, *Biscuit's Birthday*, *Time to Paint*, *Biscuit*, *Biscuit's New Trick*, and *Biscuit Goes to the Fair*. Alyssa is the author of many other books including a series *Katy Duck*. The series follows Katy, a duck who loves taking ballet lessons. You can learn more about Alyssa, *Biscuit* and her other books by visiting her website at <http://alyssacapucilli.com/>.

Photo by Jeanne Newman

## Spotlight on Pat Schories

Pat Schories is the illustrator of the *Biscuit* book series. She grew up in Ohio but now is living in New York. When she was a child living in Ohio she loved exploring the outdoors while riding her bike or running in the fields. Inside, she used her time to foster a love for reading and art. While illustrating for *Biscuit* she uses her two dogs, *Speed* and *Spike*, as inspiration. She also has recently created a wordless picture book, *Jack*. Her book series about *Jack* has won her the Junior Library Guild Selection Award. To learn more about Pat Schories and her art please visit her website at <http://www.patschories.com/index.php>



## Ohio Spotlight



The story of *Biscuit* is about a girl who receives her first puppy. You can research adopting your own pet through SICSA. SICSA is a pet adoption service that's mission is promoting the welfare and adoption of companion animals, and nurturing loving, lifelong relationships between animals and people. They offer tours of their facilities where you can meet cats and dogs that are for adoption. They also perform other services such as spaying and neutering, helping families find lost pets, and offering dog training classes. They have community service opportunities and allow volunteers of all ages to come in and help with the animals. For more information on SICSA and the programs they offer, visit their website at <https://www.sicsa.org/>.

# Pre-Show Conversation Starters

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*Biscuit* teaches important lessons about responsibility and being a part of a family. Teachers should read the original book titled *Biscuit* to their class and a sampling of other books written by Alyssa Satin Capucilli. This will help your students become familiar with the themes presented in *Biscuit*. Discuss these questions with your students:

1. Little Girl gets Biscuit as her first pet. Do you own a pet? What does your pet behave like? What kind of pet do you want to have one day?
2. Little Girl has to learn how to take care of Biscuit. What are some chores you have to do in order to take care of a pet?
3. Little Girl and her family have a new baby. Have you ever gotten a new sibling? What was it like when your sibling first arrived home as a baby? What changed about your family?
4. Biscuit must learn manners when he starts living at Little Girl's house. What does it mean to have manners? What does it look like when someone has bad manners?



## Did You Know? Fascinating Dog Facts!

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Dogs are often called “man’s best friend.” How much do you know about these well loved pets? Here are five fun facts about our beloved pets!

1. Puppies have 28 teeth and adult dogs have 42. Adult humans have 32!
2. Dogs have dreams because they have the same type of sleep patterns as humans. When you see your dog twitch their paw or make whimpering noises that is a sign that they’re having a dream!
3. Dogs’ eyes have a special membrane called the tapetum lucidum that allows them to see in the dark!
4. Humans can sweat anywhere on their skin but dogs can only sweat on the pads of their feet!
5. One myth about dogs is they are color blind and only see in black and white. However, it is now believed that dogs can see in shades of blue, green, yellow, and grey.

Thinking about getting a new puppy just like Little Girl? You should take some time preparing all the supplies you will need.

## Needs

- **Puppy Food and Bowls** - Most puppies eat three times a day just like we do! Check with a vet about what food brands keep your dog healthy. Dogs also need clean water available to them at all times.
- **Crate** - Dogs like to have a snug, warm place to call their own. You need to make sure to get a crate that isn't too small but not too big for your puppy so they feel secure. You should also have some blankets, bedding, or toys in the crate to make it feel like home!
- **Chew Toys** - Your puppy loves to chew and can sometimes use your things as their toys! To help avoid this, have a toy near you so when your puppy is chewing on your shoe you can quickly hand them a toy that is okay for them to play with. Each puppy loves something different so some options are bones, squeak toys, furry toys, or rubber balls.
- **Leash and Collar** - These help your puppy stay safe when they are out of the house with you. The collar should have a tag with the puppy's name and your information on it in case they get somewhere without you. Leashes should be long enough so the puppy can walk at a comfortable distance from you.
- **Treats** - Treats are how puppies learn how you want them to behave. Reward good behaviors, like following a command, with a milk bone or some other type of treat. Don't forget to also praise them and tell them they did a good job!
- **Love and Affection** - The most important thing you can give your dog is your loving attention. Your new puppy wants to spend time with you and be your new best friend. As you teach your pet the manners they need to be part of your family be patient. One of the most important things you can do for your new pet is to play with them and have fun!



# My Dog Will Need Worksheet



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Read the sentence aloud. Then match the sentence to the supply to your dog needs.

<p>My dog will need a <u>bowl</u>. ( )</p>	<p>1</p> 
<p>My dog will need a <u>leash and a collar</u>. ( )</p>	<p>2</p> 
<p>My dog will need a <u>crate</u>. ( )</p>	<p>3</p> 
<p>My dog will need a <u>chew toy</u>. ( )</p>	<p>4</p> 
<p>My dog will need a <u>treat</u>. ( )</p>	<p>5</p> 
<p>My dog will need <u>love</u>. ( )</p>	<p>6</p> 

# Math is for the Dogs



**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Use the supplies you bought for your new pet in the first column to solve the problem in the second column. In the third column, set up your problem and use the blank space to show your work and then write your answer.

Picture for the Problem	Problem	Workspace
	<p>How many chew toys and treats do you have for your puppy?</p>	<p>Answer:</p>
	<p>What supply do you have the most of for your new puppy?</p>	<p>Answer:</p>
	<p>How many more chew toys do you have compared to how many bowls you have?</p>	<p>Answer:</p>
	<p>What supply do you have the least of for your new puppy?</p>	<p>Answer:</p>

# Good Manners, Good Boy



**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Biscuit had to learn how to have manners in order to be a part of his new family. Think about what rules you have in your family. What does it mean to have good manners? Fill in some rules for a new puppy to follow. Some sentence starters you can use are:

1. My pet will...
2. My pet will not...
3. In my family we...
4. I show manners when...
5. You don't have good manners when...

1. \_\_\_\_\_

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

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3. \_\_\_\_\_

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4. \_\_\_\_\_

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5. \_\_\_\_\_

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# Your Pet's New Home

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**PreK-2**

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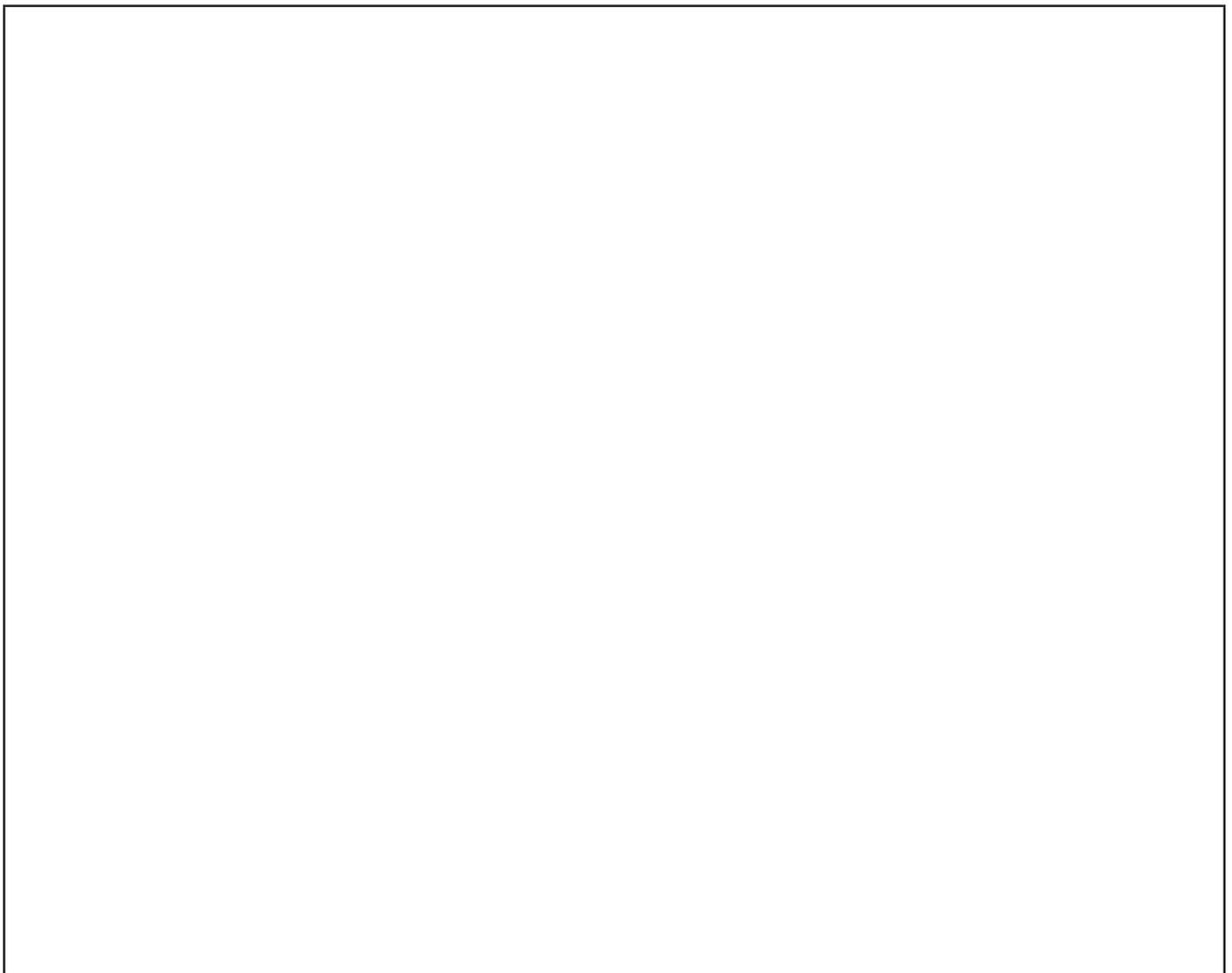
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**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

A habitat is another word for the home of different animals and plants. When we have pets in our homes our house becomes their habitat.

Directions:

- 1) Choose one of the following animals as a new pet: frog, lizard, dog, cat, parrot, or rabbit.
- 2) Use the space to draw what their habitat would look like. Will they live inside your house? Do they live in your yard?
- 3) Draw and label the supplies you know you will need for your pet's new home.





## Publications for Students - Additional Stories by Alyssa Satin Capucilli:

*Biscuit Gives a Gift*, Written by Alyssa Satin Capucilli. Illustrated by Pat Schories. HarperFestival 2005.

*Katy Duck, Dance Star*, Written by Alyssa Satin Capucilli. Illustrated by Henry Cole. Little Simon 2008.

*Emmett and the Bright Blue Cape*, Written by Alyssa Satin Capucilli. Illustrated by Pat Schories. Simon Spotlight 2017.

*Ralph and the Rocket Ship*, Written by Alyssa Satin Capucilli. Illustrated by Pat Schories. Simon Spotlight 2016.

## Publications for Teachers and Parents:

*Marley and Me*, Written by John Grogan. By-the-Book-Pub 2005.

*The Art of Racing in the Rain*, Written by Garth Stein. Harper Paperbacks 2018.

*The Art of Raising a Puppy*, Written by Monks of New Skete. Little, Brown, and Company 2011.

*Puppy Training for Kids: Teaching Children the Responsibilities and Joys of Puppy Care, Training, and Companionship*, Written by Colleen Pelar. Photographs by Amber Johnson. Barron's Educational Series 2012.

## Websites:

<https://alyssacapucilli.com/> This is the official website of the author of *Biscuit*.

<http://www.sicsa.org/adopt/> A website where students and teachers can learn about adopting pets and fostering animals.

<http://www.hsd Dayton.org/> This is the website for the Human Society of Dayton.

## Victoria Fuse's Local Resource Discovery



Montgomery County Animal Rescue Center is the largest companion animal shelter in the Dayton region. They are in alliance with SICSA and the Humane Society of Greater Dayton to find homes for as many dogs and cats as possible. They will shelter lost pets and it is the first place you should call if your pet is missing. They offer programs for elementary and middle school students to

teach children how to care for pets and what to do when encountering an unknown animal. They also offer programs where students study about being a veterinarian. They allow volunteers to serve in their facilities and take donations of items needed for pet care. To learn more information contact the Montgomery County Animal Resource Center at:

(937) 268-7387 or <https://www.hsd Dayton.org/>



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ArtsPower was established firmly around one most important priority: to create outstanding spirited theatre that speaks intelligently to and resonates powerfully with their audiences, most of whom are young people aged 6 to 15.

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