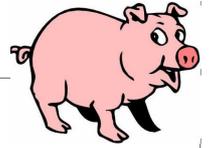
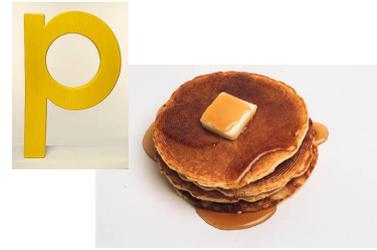


P is for Pancake!

Let your kids make a yummy P treat! You will need pancake mix, a hot griddle and a squeeze bottle. After you read the book, mix up the pancake batter together. Kids love to pour, measure and follow the recipe. Fill the squirt bottle with the mix and let your child squirt out the letter P. Cook the pancakes and top with pears, pineapple, peanut butter, peaches, powdered sugar, preserves or any other P topping.



Pink Pig-Sicles

Mix together 2 cups plain yogurt, 12 oz. unsweetened frozen apple-cranberry juice concentrate, & 2 tsp. vanilla. Pour the mixture into small paper cups and add a plastic spoon for the handle. Chill in freezer until set. Makes 10.

Re-tell the story:

Make a circle story tool so you can use the pictures to tell this hilarious story again and again.

- **First**, get a large paper plate
- **Next**, look for pictures in magazines and grocery flyers of the things the pig asked for. Start and end with the pancake!
- **Then**, glue the pictures in sequence around the outer edge of the plate
- **Last**, use a paper fastener to attach a paper arrow (or a pig) to the center of the plate

Pigs are playful, pigs are pink.
Pigs are smarter than you think.

Pigs are pudgy, pigs are plump.
Pigs can run but never jump.

Pigs are slippery, pigs are stout.
Pigs have noses called a snout.

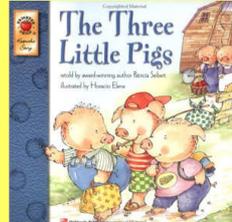
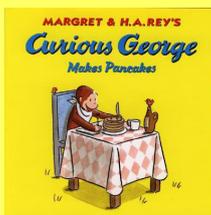
Pigs are loyal, pigs are true.
Pigs don't care for barbeque!

-Charles Ghigna

Pictures in books give children clues to the words they see in stories.

Let your child tell the story.

If you enjoyed this book, look for these other great stories at the Library:

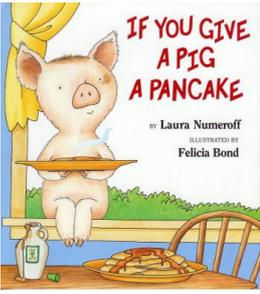


Repetition in stories helps children learn to read...*Little pig, little pig, let me come in!*



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Let's Share: **If You Give A Pig A Pancake**



This hilarious story is about a demanding little pig who continues to ask for things. One thing reminds him of yet another thing. It's a fun circular story because the story ends where it begins, with another demand for a pancake.

Talk about how the girl might be feeling. How do you know the girl is tired. What's another word for tired? (exhausted)

When reading the story:

- Ask questions and make comments, then wait long enough for your child to respond.
- Ask your child to predict: "What might happen next?"
- Pause at the end of a sentence and let your child finish it: "Then she'll look under your _____."
- Help your child recall some of the things the pig asked for.

Let's play with numbers

Make magnetic number pancakes that can be used on cookie sheets or the fridge.

Use lids from juice containers that you cover with brown fun foam or felt.

Glue a magnet on the back of each lid.

Use fabric paint or markers to put numbers on one side of the pancakes along with the correct number of dots (chocolate chips).

Practice counting, sorting, and sequencing.

A plastic spatula adds more fun.

Mix a pancake,

Stir a pancake,

Pop it in a pan.

Fry the pancake,

Toss the pancake,

Catch it if you can!

-Author unknown

Poetry helps your child enjoy rhymes and learn new words.

Invite your child to create actions to go with the words.

Ask them to come up with new words to extend the poem.



Parents & Caregivers, remember:

Children need lots of chances to handle books. They need to know how to turn pages, where the front and the back of a book is and how to use the pictures for understanding. Help by pointing to the title as you read, sweeping your finger under repeated words or sentences and asking your child to show you where to start reading.

Make up a silly story together:

If you give a cat a bone ...

If you give a mom a ball ...

Keep books within your child's reach.