

# Pigs Aplenty

## Tips, Songs, and Rhymes for Parents and Caregivers

Here are ideas and activities to try this week with your child. Each activity is based on one of the **7 Days • 7 Ways** principles of early literacy development and is designed to engage your child, stimulate his or her literacy skills, and enhance the bonds between you.

- **SHARE BOOKS** Check out two or three different illustrated versions of the traditional tale “The Three Little Pigs.” Compare and contrast the story with your child.
- **SHARE WORDS** The size of a child’s vocabulary is a strong predictor of reading success. The more words children understand (which can be much greater than the number they actually speak), the greater their ability to comprehend text and to figure out words they may not be familiar with.
- **SHARE RHYMES** Recite or sing familiar nursery rhymes with your child. Popular nursery rhymes about pigs include: “To Market, To Market,” “Little Jack Sprat,” and “This Little Piggy.”
- **SHARE SONGS** Sing to your child often! The quality of your voice is unimportant. Your child will not care. Have fun acting out songs, such as “Farmer Brown” and “This Little Pig” from our storytime.
- **SHARE STORIES** Invite your child to help you tell the story of “The Three Little Pigs.” Have your child play the role of the wolf and recite the lines when you reach this part of the story: “I’m gonna huff and puff and blow your house down.” Tell the story again on another day, and switch roles. You be the wolf, and let your child be the pigs.
- **SHARE PLAYTIME** Do a pig jig with your child. Play some fun music and dance. Don’t forget to tape a snout on your nose!
- **SHARE WRITING** Print the words “pig” and “oink” on index cards. Provide a stamp pad and encourage your child to cover the printed letters in thumb prints.

Here are the words to the songs and rhymes that you and your child enjoyed today. By continuing to sing, chant, and play with your child throughout the week, you will help him or her make sense of the new information and concepts introduced at storytime.

## Songs

### Moving Hands

(sung to the tune of “The Farmer in the Dell”)

Put your hands on your head, *(Suit actions to words)*  
Put your hands on your knees,  
Put your hands behind you now,  
If you please.

Put your hands on your tummy,  
Put your hands on your toes,  
Put your hands upon your cheeks,  
Put them on your nose.

Put your hands in the air,  
Put your hands on your hair,  
Clap your hands, one, two, three,  
Then fold them on your knees.

### Piggy Wiggy

(sung to the tune of “Hokey Pokey”)

You put your right hoof in, *(Suit actions to words)*  
You take your right hoof out,  
You put your right hoof in,  
And you shake it all about.  
You do the Piggy Wiggy, *(Hold hands in the air and shake them)*  
And you turn yourself around.  
That’s what it’s all about.

### Additional Verses

You put your snout in ...  
You put your curly tail in ...

### Farmer Brown

(sung to the tune of “Skip to My Lou”)

*(Child acts out actions in refrains and claps during verses)*  
Farmer Brown, he had some pigs,  
They weren’t very little,  
And they weren’t very big,  
He taught them how to dance a jig,  
Dear little piggy darlings.  
Dance, dance, dance little pigs,  
Dance, dance, dance little pigs,  
Dance, dance, dance little pigs,  
Dear little piggy darlings.

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The piggies wake at the break of day,  
They leave the barn and begin to play,  
They roll and they roll in the mud all day,  
Dear little piggy darlings.  
Roll, roll, roll little pigs,  
Roll, roll, roll little pigs,  
Roll, roll, roll little pigs,  
Dear little piggy darlings.

Time for supper and they go to eat,  
Day-old garbage can't be beat,  
They root around and look for a treat,  
Dear little piggy darlings.  
Root, root, root little pigs,  
Root, root, root little pigs,  
Root, root, root little pigs,  
Dear little piggy darlings.

## This Little Pig

(sung to the tune of "This Old Man")

This little pig, he liked to play.  
He built his house the easy way.  
With a stick from here and a stick  
from over there, (*Pretend to build house*)  
This little pig just didn't care.

This little pig, he liked to play.  
He built his house the easy way.  
With straw from here and straw  
from over there, (*Pretend build house*)  
This little pig just didn't care.

This little pig, he was smart.  
He knew his house wouldn't fall apart.  
With a brick from here and a brick  
from over there, (*Pretend to build house*)  
This little pig built a house with care.

The big bad wolf, he liked to eat. (*Pretend to eat*)  
Little pigs are a special treat.  
With a huff, huff, puff, puff, and a mighty gust, (*Huff and puff*)  
Sticks and straw just turn to dust.

One brick house, standing tall,  
Big Bad Wolf can't make it fall.  
With a huff, huff, puff, puff and a mighty cry, (*Huff and puff*)  
Surrender, wolf, and say "bye-bye." (*Wave bye*)

## Library Storytime Song

(sung to the tune of "I've Been Workin' on the Railroad")

I came to my storytime  
(*Sway from side to side throughout and point to self*)  
At the library today,  
I came to my storytime (*Point to self*)  
To sing, and laugh, and play.  
I listened to some picture books,  
Sang songs, said some rhymes,  
I hope I can come back again,  
Because I had a very good time!  
I want to come back, (*Clap!*)  
I want to come back, (*Clap!*)

I want to come back to storytime!  
I want to come back, (*Clap!*)  
I want to come back, (*Clap!*)  
To my storytime!  
(*Spoken*) See you soon! (*Wave goodbye*)

## Rhymes

### Higglety, Pigglety, Pop!

Higglety, pigglety, pop! (*Clap hands to beat*)  
The dog has eaten the mop,  
The pig's in a hurry,  
The cat's in a flurry,  
Higglety, pigglety, pop!  
Higglety, pigglety, pop! (*Slap hands on legs to beat*)  
The pig is trying to hop,  
The boy's in a dither,  
The mice in a tither,  
Higglety, pigglety, pop!

Higglety, pigglety, pop! (*Clap hands to beat*)  
The girl is playing hop,  
The pig's jig, jig, jiggling,  
The dog's dig, dig, digging,  
Higglety, pigglety, pop!

Higglety, pigglety, pop! (*Slap hands on legs to beat*)  
This song has come to a stop,  
There's not time to tarry,  
It's all been quite merry,  
Higglety, pigglety, pop!

### Two Mother Pigs Lived in a Pen

Two mother pigs lived in a pen, (*Hold up both thumbs*)  
Each had four babies and that made ten. (*Show all ten fingers*)  
These four babies were black as night,  
(*Hold up four fingers on right hand*)  
And these four babies were black and white.  
(*Hold up four fingers on left hand*)  
But all eight babies loved to play, (*Shake both hands*)  
And they rolled and rolled in the mud all day.  
(*Roll hands over one another*)  
At night, with their mother, they curled up in a heap  
(*Make fists with thumbs out*)  
And squealed and squealed till they fell fast asleep.  
(*Shake fists with thumbs out*)

### Three Pink Pigs

(*can also be sung to the tune of "Three Blind Mice"*)

Three pink pigs! Three pink pigs! (*Hold up three fingers on one hand*)  
See how they play. See how they play. (*Wiggle fingers*)  
They stay away from the wolf who's bad.  
(*Shake head and finger "no"*)  
He blew two houses away, so sad.  
(*Give a big blow on "blew," and then rub eyes as if crying*)  
There's still one house left and the pigs are glad.  
(*Hold up one finger*)  
Three glad pigs! Three glad pigs! (*Hold up three fingers and smile*)