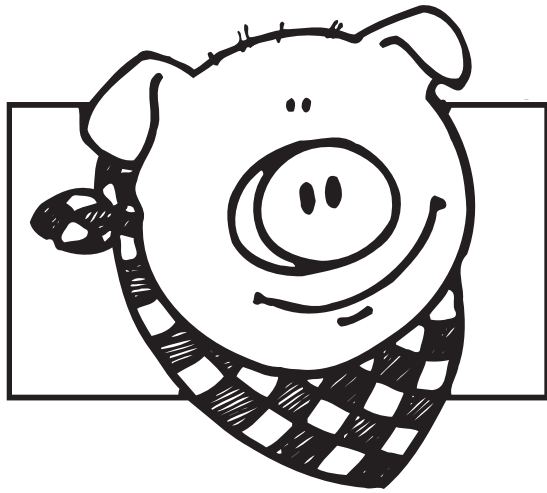


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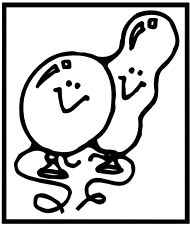


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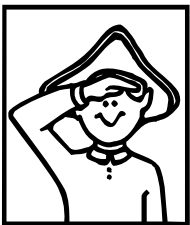


## Setting the Stage

- Today's a day to go "hog-wild" and totally make a pig of yourself! Create a bulletin board of a "pigsty" with a fence with pigs behind it and a pig trough with corncoobs and mush in it. Or make a "pigsty" area with bales of hay and stuffed toy pigs on them. You might like to dye a pair of long johns pink and add a curly pipe cleaner tail. Wear this pig costume to greet your students today.
- Construct a semantic map or web with facts your students know about pigs. Then let students suggest questions about pigs they would like answered throughout the day.



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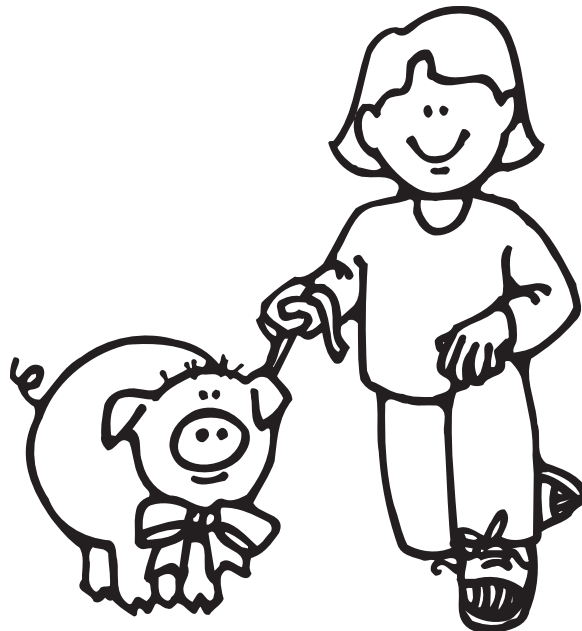


## Historical Background

Though pigs have historically been raised for their meat, they are intelligent and affectionate, smarter than people realize. In the last few years pigs have become popular pets, but due to people's desire for ham, bacon and other pork products, most pigs are still considered "food."



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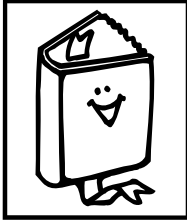
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## Literary Exploration

*All Pigs Are Beautiful* by Dick King-Smith

*Amanda Pig* (series) by Jean Van Leeuwen

*The Book of the Pig* by Jack Denton Scott

*Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White

*Chester, the Worldly Pig* by Bill Peet

*Emmett's Pig* by Mary Stolz

*Little Pig, Big Trouble* by Eve Tharlot

*The Little Pig in the Cupboard* by Helen Buckley

*Little Pink Pig* by Pat Hutchins

*Louanne Pig* (series) by Nancy Carlson

*Nothing But a Pig* by Brock Cole

*Oink and Pearl* (series) by Kay Choroa

*The Old Woman and Her Pig* by Paul Caldane

*Oliver Pig* (series) by Jean Van Leeuwen

*Perfect Pigs* by Marc Brown and Stephen Krensky

*Perfect the Pig* by Susan Jeschke

*Pig Tale* by Lewis Carroll

*A Pig Tale* by Olivia Newton John

*Pig Tale* by Helen Oxenbury

*Pig, Pig* (series) by David McPhail

*Pigericks* by Arnold Lobel

*Piggins* by Jane Yolen

*Pigs* by Robert Munsch

*Pigs from One to Ten* by Arthyr Geisert

*Pigs Might Fly* by Dick King-Smith

*The Pig's Wedding* by Helme Heine

*Pigsty* by Mark Teague

*The Pig War* by Betty Baker

*Roland, the Minstrel Pig* by William Steig

*The Seven Sloppy Days of Phineas Pig* by Mitchell Sharmat

*Small Pig* by Arnold Lobel

*Snuffles and Snouts* by Laura Robb

*Spiffen: A Tale of a Tidy Pig* by Mary Ada Schwartz

*The Story of the Three Little Pigs* by Joseph Jacob

*This Little Pig* by Miska Miles

*This Little Pig Named Curly* by Millen Brand

*The Three Little Javelinas* by Susan Lowel

*The Three Little Pigs* by Erik Blegvad

*The Three Little Pigs* by Bruce Isen

*The Three Little Pigs: An Old Story* by Margot Zemach

*Tidy Pig* by Lucinda McQueen

*A Treeful of Pigs* by Arnold Lobel

*The True Story of the Three Little Pigs* by Jon Scieszka

*We Keep a Pig In the Parlor* by Suzanne Bloom

*What a Ham! Jokes About Pigs* by Rick Walton

*Which Pig Would You Choose?* by Edith Kunhardt

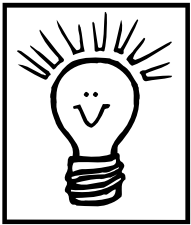
*Wiggles, the Wishing Pig* by Pauline Watson

*Wiggly Pig* by Jon Blake

"You're Eating Like a Pig Again!" poem from *Something Big Has Been*

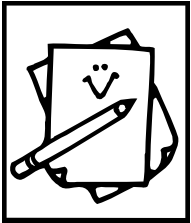
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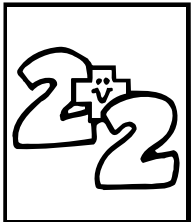
### Language Experience

- Try to teach your students some pig Latin (ig-pay atin-lay)!
- Brainstorm other things that are sloppy, grunt or are pink.



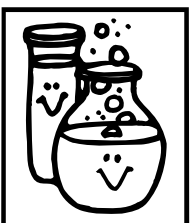
### Writing Experience

- After reading some of Arnold Lobel's *Pigericks* with the class, let students try to write pig limericks.
- Let students write some "Pig Tales," stories about pigs. See reproducible on page 11.



### Math Experience

- Have fun with addition and subtraction reviews about a piggy bank. (Example: Matt had 50 cents in his piggy bank but decided to take out 20 cents. How much did he have left?) Use your students' names in the problems.



### Science/Health Experience

- Learn about pigs and their habitat. Designate which are sows, boars and piglets.
- Discuss animal by-products that come from pigs.



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