

Howie Has a Stomachache

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Synopsis

Farmer Lou gives his pig Howie medicine to settle his stomachache, but a bedtime story is the real answer in this humorous book.

Before the First Page

Discuss with the students what they do when they have a stomachache. Discuss the possibility of any of these remedies working for a pig.

Set-Up for Success

Introduce Farmer Lou to the students. Emphasize any of the students' remedies for a stomachache that actually occur in the book. On page 8, have the students predict what book Farmer Lou is reading to Howie.

Independent Reading – Students may need support with **squealed**, page 2.

Guided Reading – Review the suggestions for Independent Reading. Include support for the transition to the story language on page 9. Include support for **wrong**, page 3; **raced**, page 3 and 5; **medicine**, pages 5 and 6; **first**, page 8.

Learning about Print

- Punctuation marks period, comma, question mark, quotation mark, exclamation point, apostrophe in contractions, ellipsis (...).
- Capitalization of proper nouns Farmer
 Lou, Howie, Papa Bear, Mama Bear, Baby
 Bear.

Key Words and Phrases

Farmer Lou

stomachache

Learning about Words

The vocabulary in this book provides opportunities to introduce, practice or enrich the following:

- Contractions it's.
- Word endings ed squealed, raced, asked, rubbed, poured, wobbled.
- Word segments sleep and asleep, farmer.
- Silent w wrong.
- Digraphs with, kitchen.
- Blends <u>story</u>, <u>stomach</u>, <u>stomachache</u>, fast, drank, sleep.
- Compound words stomachache, bedtime, asleep.
- Proper nouns and pronouns Howie and he, you.

Assessment Opportunities

The following problem-solving behaviors can be observed and recorded:

- Making the transition to the story language on page 9.
- Using word segments, blends and digraphs to solve unfamiliar words.
- Reading high frequency words easily
- Reading the punctuation.
- Reading in phrases.
- Retelling the story.

After the Last Page

- * Write a sequel to the story
- Compare Howie's behavior to pigs in other well-known stories.

Make pig puppets.

Throughout the Day

Math

 Bundle toothpicks or straws into groups of 10. Count and compare. Create a haystack for Farmer Lou.

Problem-Solving

 Farmer Lou feeds Howie two bags of grain each day. How many bags does he need for 1 week, for 1 month?

Social Studies

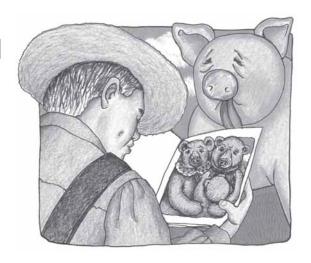
- Read a book about a farming community
 Health
- Discuss the proper handling of medicine and the use of safety caps and warning symbols.
- * Design a new safety symbol for medicine bottles.

The Home Connection

- Make a get-well card and send it to someone who is sick.
- Do a safety check to insure that medicines are in safe places in the home.
- Share a bedtime story.
- Read variations of The Three Bears.

Show What You Know-adocument to keep

Activities marked with an asterisk (*) are appropriate for assessment.



Read on...

Alarcon, Karen. Louella Mae, She's Run Away. Enderle, Judith and Stephanie Tessler. A Pile of Pigs.

Inkpen, Mike. If I Had a Pig.

Lobel, Arnold. *The Book of Pigericks: Pig Limericks.*

Marshall, James. Yummers!

McPhail, David. Pigs Aplenty, Pigs Galore.

Plourde, Lynn. *Pigs in the Mud in the Middle of the Road.*

Sachar, Louis. Monkey Soup.

Van Leeuwen, Jean. Amanda Pig on Her Own.

Wood, Audrey. Piggies.