

The **ELEPHANT & PIGGIE** Books



Celebrating the newest adventure in the award-winning, best-selling series from

**Mo Willems**

## Dear Reader:

So there's this event called Happy Pig Day that apparently is something of a big deal.

I don't get it.

I mean, I guess this new book about Piggie, an optimistic pig, and Elephant (otherwise known as Gerald), a cautious, pessimistic elephant, is kind of funny. When Piggie celebrates her favorite day of the year, Happy Pig Day, Gerald feels left out of the festivities.

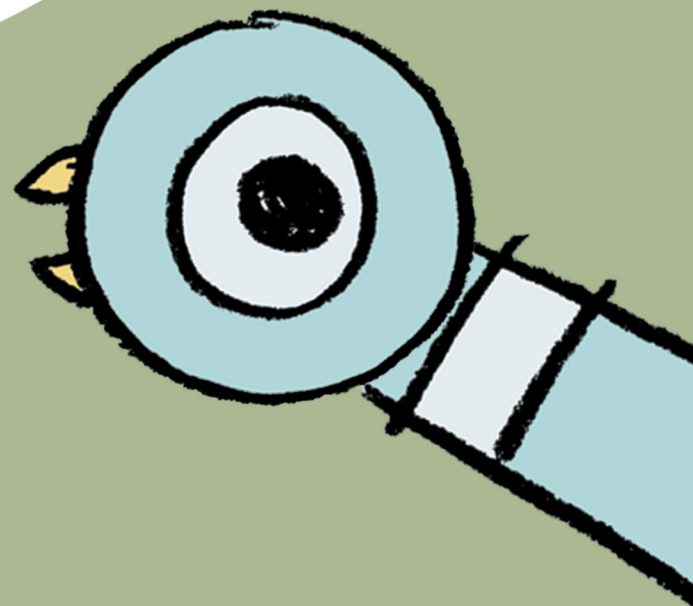
But what about ME? I'm not included at ALL.

Check out their newest adventure, full of surprises, plenty of celebration . . . but no hot dogs included.

Sincerely,  
**Pigeon**

(and all the little birdies at Hyperion Books for Children)

P.S.: Don't forget to check out *my* Web site  
**pigeonpresents.com**  
(you'll find them there, too).



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# HAPPY PIG DAY! ➡ Party Ideas

Below are some ideas to use in throwing a *Happy Pig Day!* party.

## ● PREPARING FOR YOUR PARTY:

See page 8 in this kit for reproducible name tags with the Happy Pig Day theme. Make copies of these name tags and set them out for your guests when they arrive.

You'll find a Happy Pig Day banner inside this kit to use in setting up the décor. For more fun, pick up pink and gray balloons and streamers from a local party store. Be sure to alternate the two colors in your balloons and streamers for a fun look!

Consider picking up face paint in gray and pink colors, and set up an Elephant & Piggie makeup station at your party!

Encourage children to come dressed up in costume as a person or character they admire or think is cool and start a Costume Parade to kick off the festivities! Take photos and create a Costume Party Book to keep in a special place after your party.

## ● ELEPHANT & PIGGIE ICEBREAKERS:

As your guests arrive to the party, here are some fun icebreaker activities to get everyone in the party spirit!

### Write a Happy Pig Day song

What better way to celebrate Happy Pig Day then with a song? Divide your guests up into pairs when they arrive and assign each team to come up with a Happy Pig Day song! Hosts should monitor each pair and help them start off each tune.

### What Do YOU Know about Piggies?

To properly celebrate Happy Pig Day, your guests first need to make sure they know the basics about the guest of honor (Piggie!) and all of her friends.

Read out loud a list of statements about pigs (see below) and have your guests identify which are true and which are false. The answers can be found on page 19!

1. Pigs, true to their name, are very messy animals.
2. Pigs can't sweat, so farmers often use sprinklers and fans to keep pigs cool.
3. While the skin on pigs is pink, the hair can be different colors.

4. Without an alternate cooling option, pigs will wallow in mud to keep cool.
5. The size of a litter of pigs is always six.
6. A mature pig can weigh about five hundred to seven hundred pounds.

## What about elephants?

Here are some more facts, this time about Gerald's group! Same thing: read aloud these facts about elephants to your guests to see which are true and which are false. The answers can be found on page 19!

1. Elephants typically weigh no more than two thousand pounds.
2. An elephant's trunk can contain around one hundred thousand different muscles, used for breathing, trumpeting, drinking, and grabbing things!
3. An average elephant can consume up to three hundred pounds of food in one day.
4. Adult female elephants often travel alone in the wild, while male elephants tend to travel in packs.
5. A typical elephant can live up to seventy years old.

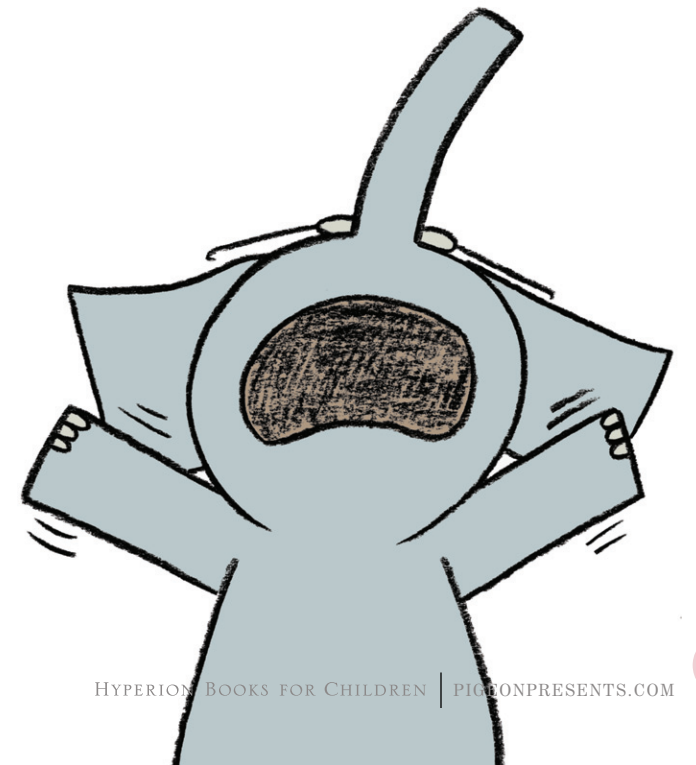
## ● PERFECT YOUR ANIMAL CALL!

To get your party excited for your Happy Pig Day celebration, start by getting them into the animal spirit by practicing their animal calls.

Yell out each of the below animals, asking guests to yell back the proper animal sound, giving it their best!

### Animal Sounds:

- What sound does a cow make?
- What sound does a dog make?
- What sound does a rooster make?
- What sound does a cat make?
- What sound does a lion make?
- What sound does a sea lion make?
- What sound does an elephant make?
- AND what sound does a pig make?



# LEARNING WITH FRIENDS

After your group is assembled, gather around to read *Happy Pig Day!* out loud. Use the discussion topics below to lead a conversation about the book. If you have other Elephant & Piggie books on hand, we've provided overall series discussion ideas below.

## for **HAPPY PIG DAY!**

### **FRIENDSHIP:**

Friendship is an important theme in all the Elephant and Piggie stories, particularly for *Happy Pig Day!* How do Gerald and Piggie show they are important to each other in this story? Brainstorm with your guests a list of things friends can do to let each other know they care.

### **CELEBRATION:**

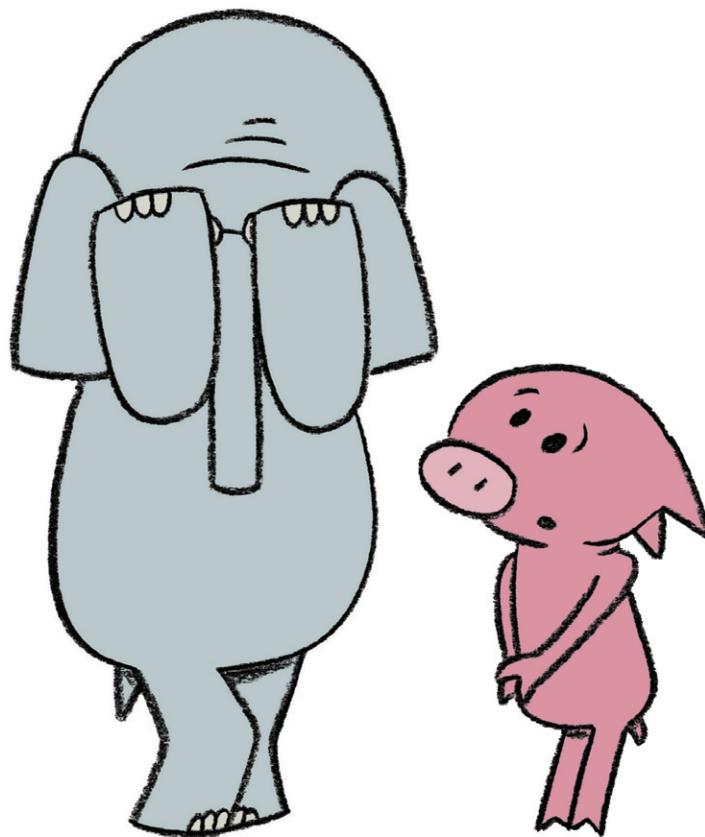
Piggie is so excited about Happy Pig Day! What is she most looking forward to doing? Ask your guests about their favorite holidays. What foods, games, dances, and other things do they like to celebrate?

### **FEELINGS:**

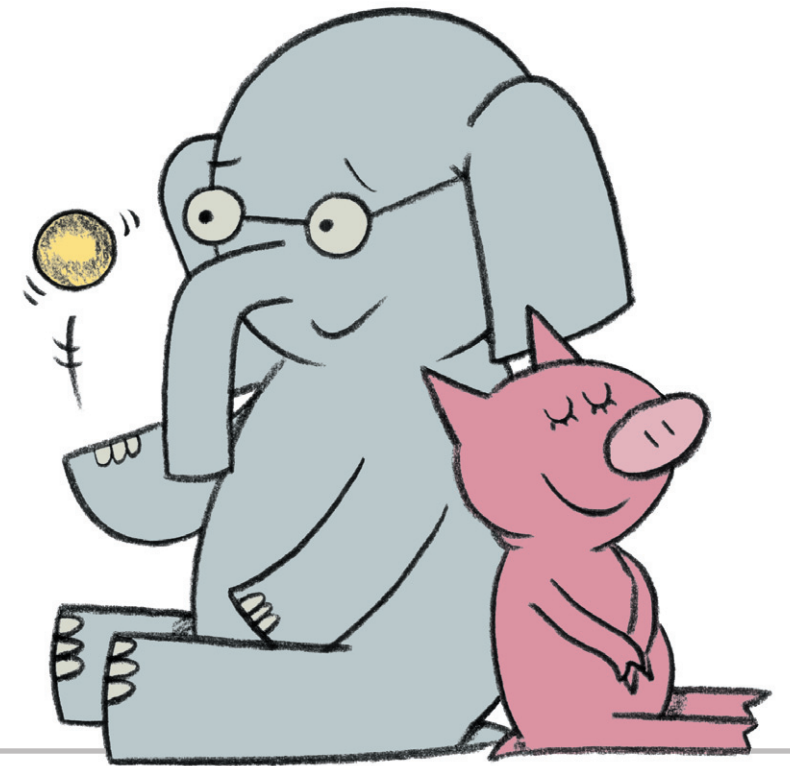
How does Gerald feel about the Happy Pig Day celebration? How do Piggie and her friends feel? What clues do our friends give us about what they are thinking and feeling? Why does Gerald feel left out?

### **BELONGING:**

Why does Gerald suddenly feel so different than Piggie in this story? Has this ever happened between them before? What does Gerald say? Gerald lists everything he is not. Can your guests make a list of everything that Gerald IS?



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## for **THE ELEPHANT & PIGGIE SERIES**

### **FAIRNESS:**

Ask your guests to draw a picture of their favorite toy and list five reasons why it's so special. Then read aloud from *I Love My New Toy!* Talk about what it means to be fair, and the importance of sharing with friends.

### **CARING AND COMPASSION:**

Taking a page from *My Friend Is Sad*, ask guests to brainstorm all the ways they can show kindness and compassion for others when they are feeling down. Looking back on the series, ask guests to talk about examples in which Elephant & Piggie have shown kindness and caring to each other.

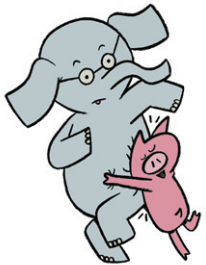
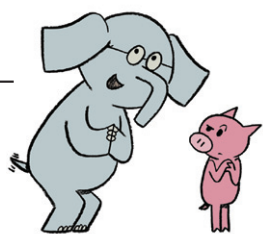
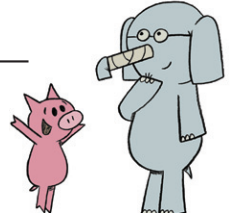
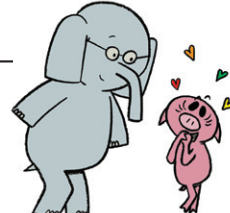
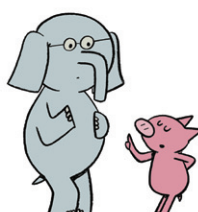
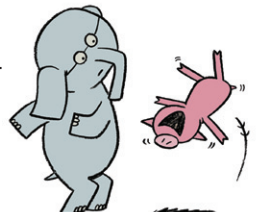
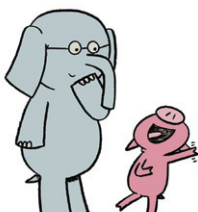
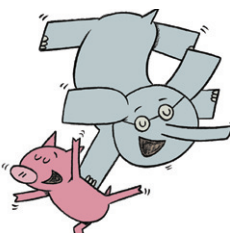
### **RESPONSIBILITY AND HAVING FUN:**





In *Watch Me Throw the Ball!*, Piggie is all about having fun, while Elephant takes a while to understand that having fun is sometimes better than thinking about things too hard. When do the children think it's okay to let loose and have fun, and when are they expected to be serious and think about things? Which times do they like best, and why?

### **FRIENDSHIP:**

In *Pigs Make Me Sneeze!*, Gerald is worried that he's allergic to Piggie, and would have to stay away from his best friend! Talk with guests about the importance of friendship, and spending time with the people we love.

For more questions and learning materials on the Elephant & Piggie stories, visit [pigeonpresents.com](http://pigeonpresents.com)

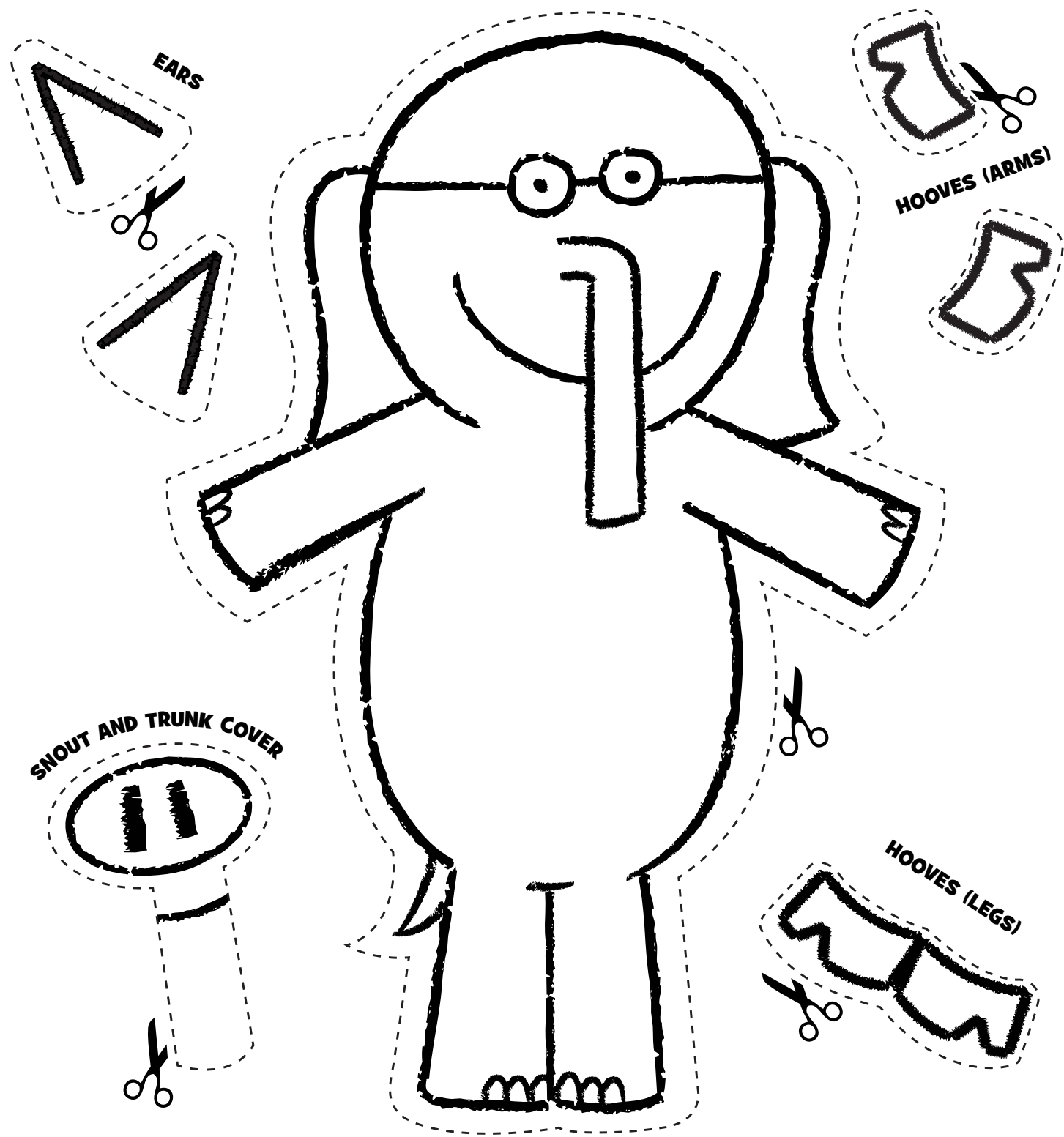
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Make a copy of the above sheet and cut out to make instant invitations for your Happy Pig Day party!

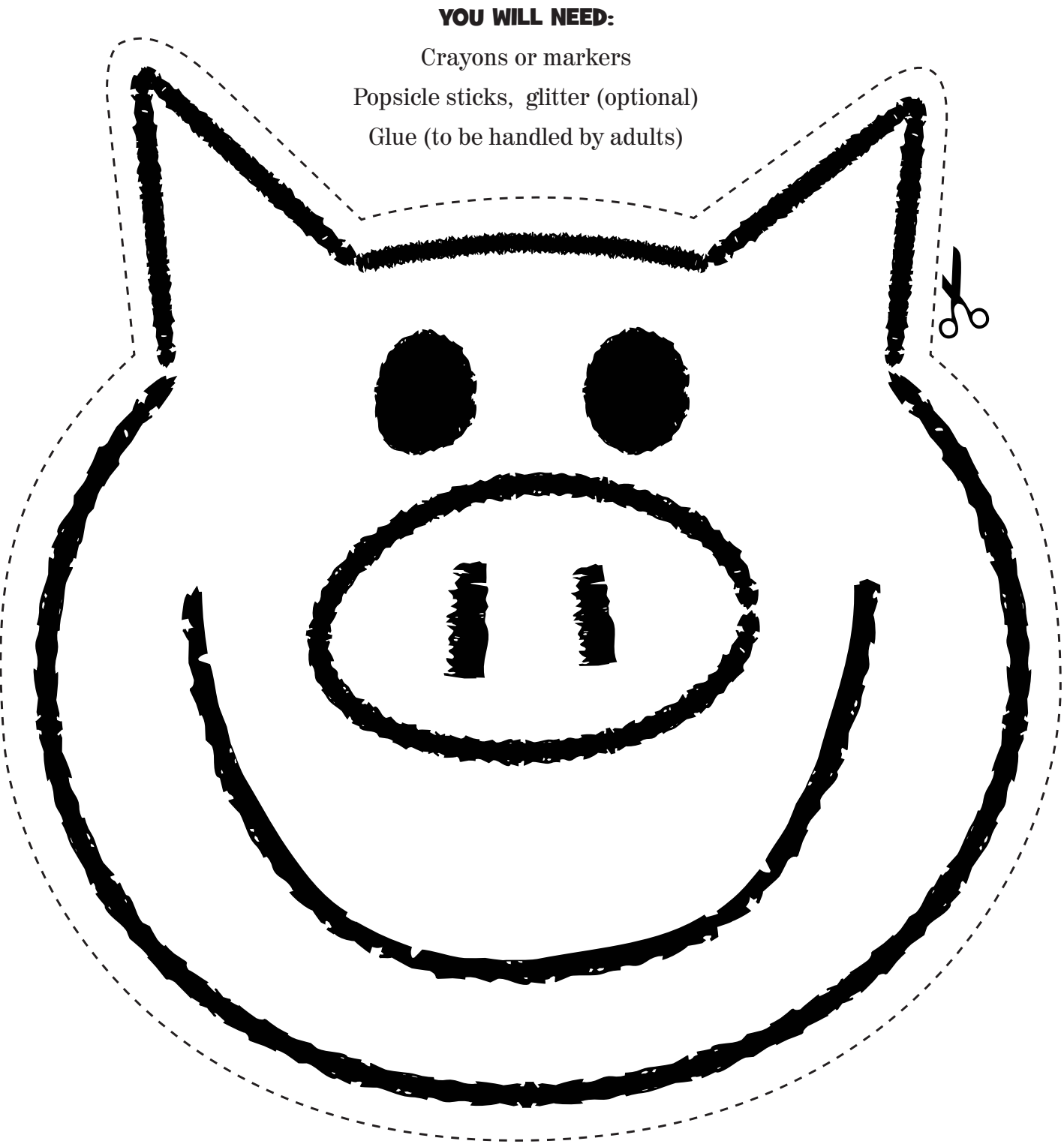
# DRESS-UP FUN!

Make a copy of this sheet and cut out what Gerald needs to get ready for the Happy Pig Day celebrations, and attach them to his body! Don't forget to color him!



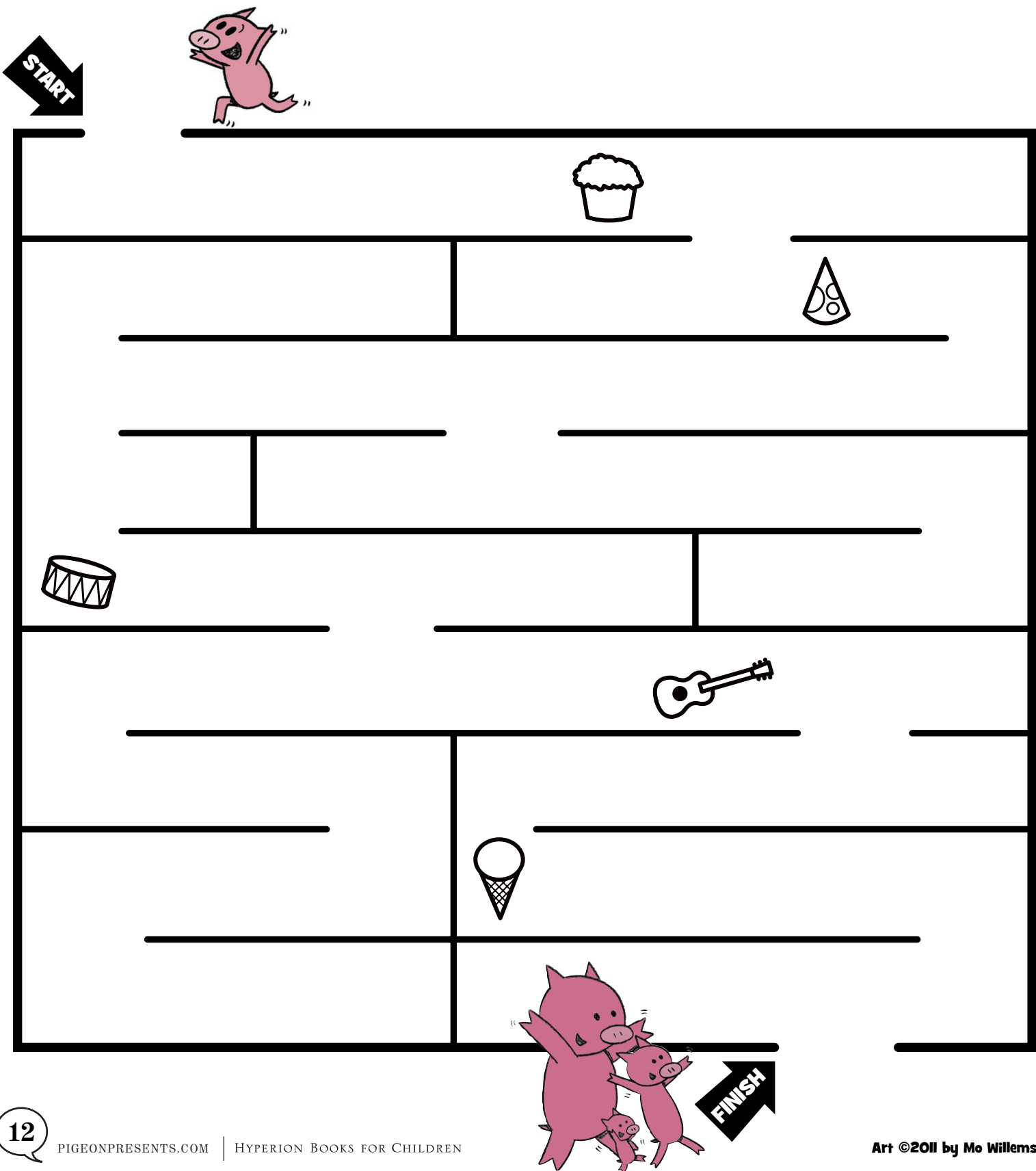
# DRESS-UP FUN!

Make a copy of this page and cut out your own Piggie mask to dress up for Happy Pig Day! After designing your own Piggie mask, ask an adult to help in attaching the masks to a Popsicle stick to complete the look.



# PIGGIE MAZE

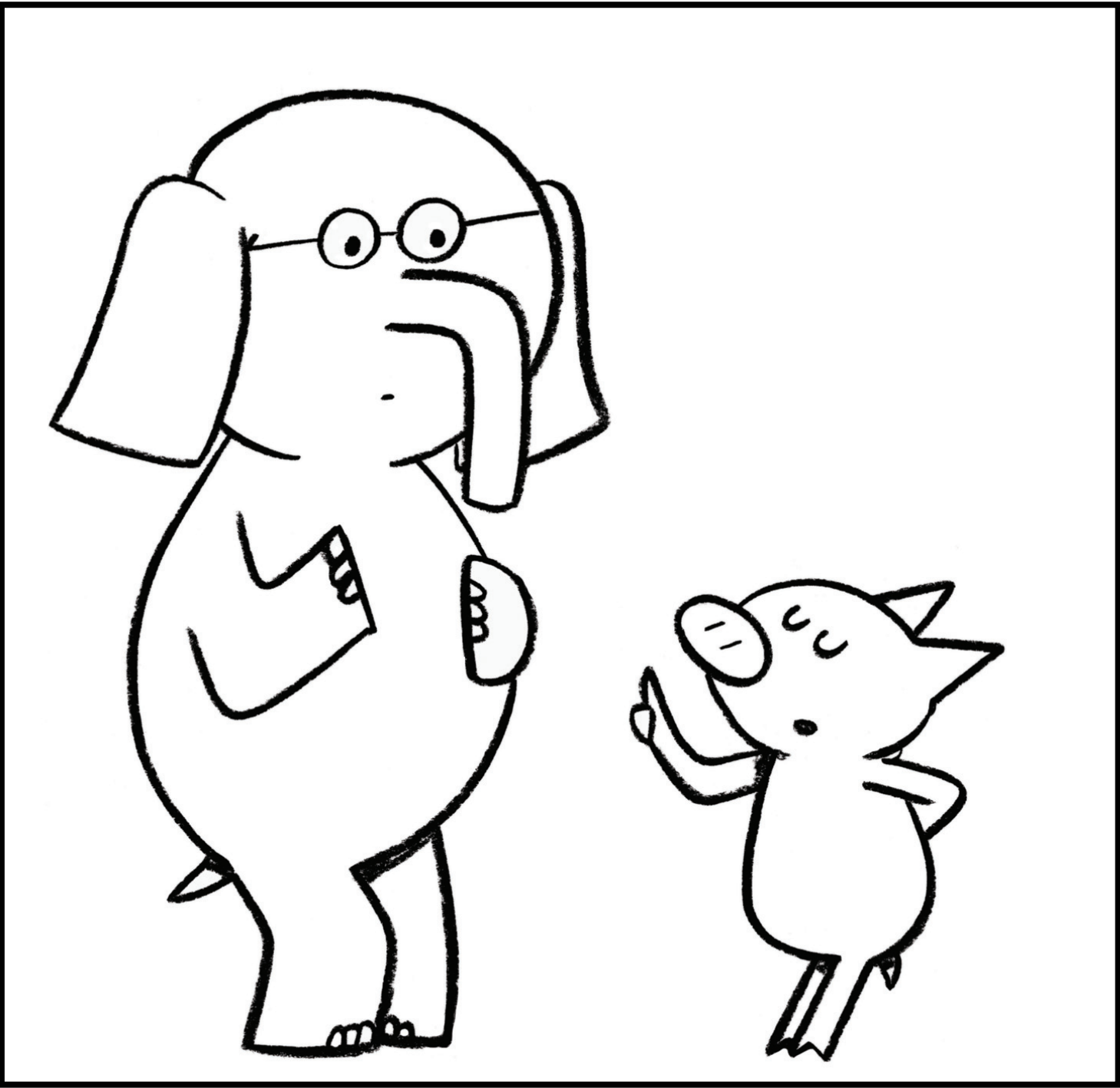
Help Piggie get ready for the party by helping her get everything she needs.  
Be sure to pick up all of the items needed along the way!



# COMPLETE THE PICTURE

Before Elephant & Piggie can celebrate Happy Pig Day, they need their proper attire and supplies.

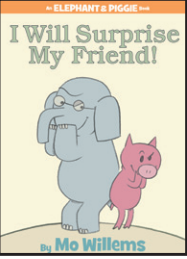
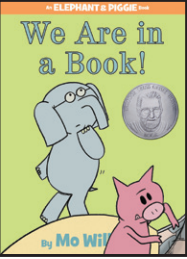
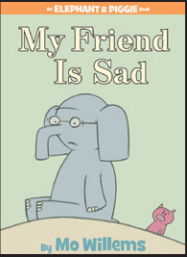
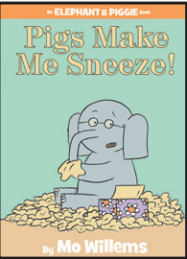
Draw party supplies and fun birthday clothes in the image below for Elephant & Piggie to use in their Happy Pig Day celebrations.



HAPPY PIG DAY! SCRAMBLER

Happy Pig Day! is a celebration of Piggie, and a celebration of Piggie and Gerald’s friendship.

In this activity, look back on ten of Elephant & Piggie’s adventures. See if you can unscramble the book titles and then match up each book title with the right jacket.



1. gsiP kaeM eM eeSn!ze

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2. rAe uoY yaRed ot ylPa ?uOsited

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3. stEhplena notCna ca!Den

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4. hreTe sI a dBir no rYuo dae!H

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5. I mA ign!Go

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6. eW Aer ni a !kBoo

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7. nCa I yPal T?oo

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8. I mA dIntvie ot a !yPrat

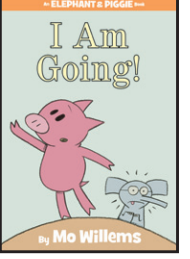
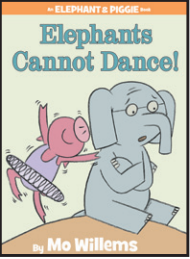
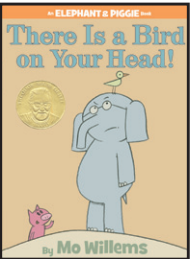
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9. yM dFeirn sI dSa

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10. I liWl uprSrsei yM reiFn!d

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CONNECT THE DOTS

The best part of Happy Pig Day is celebrating with friends!

Connect the dots in the picture below to complete this *Happy Pig Day!* scene.

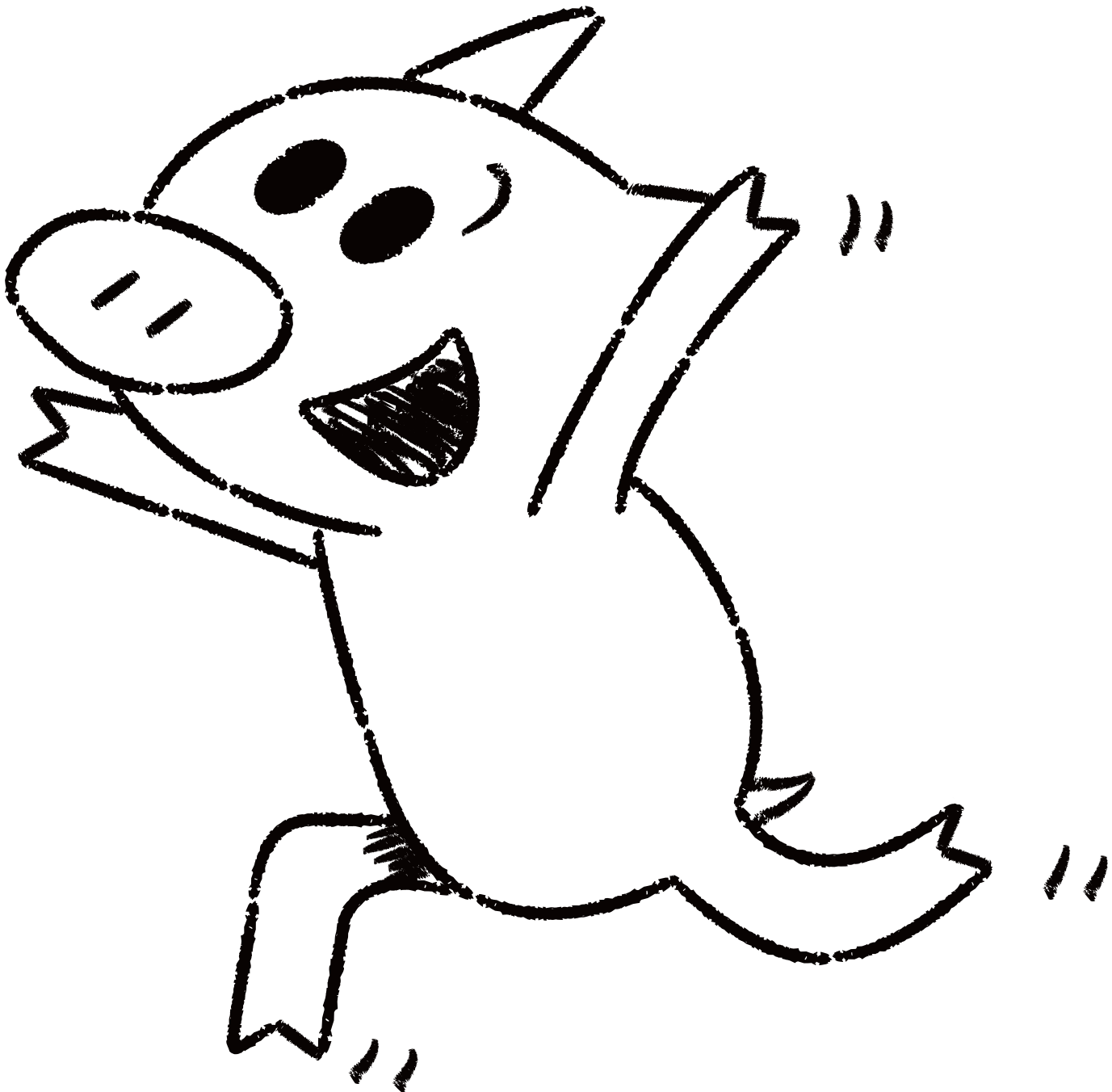


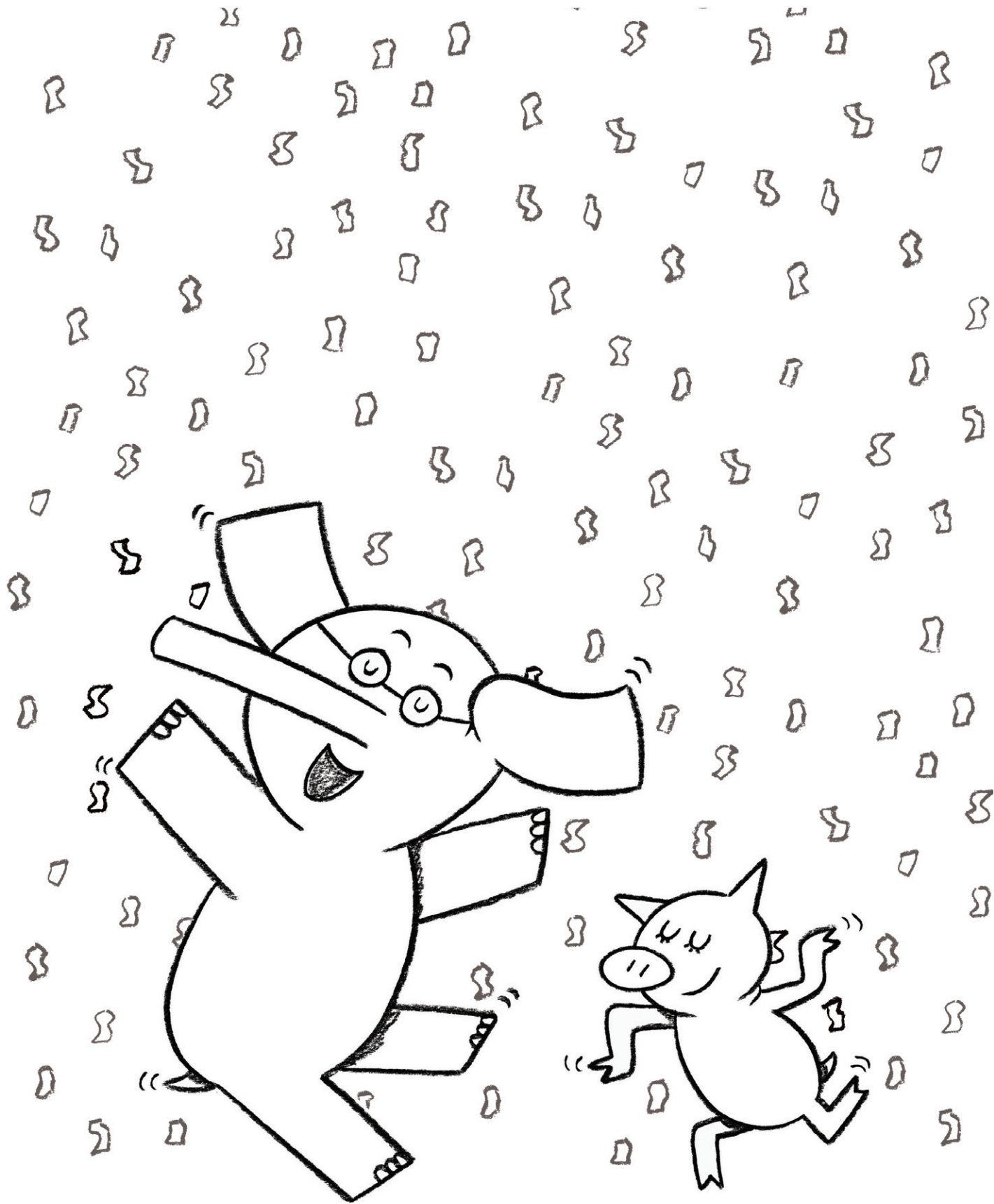
Why should Piggie have all of the fun?

In the space below, declare your own special day, and draw a picture of yourself in celebration mode.

My Special Day Is Called:

What I Will Do on My Special Day:





## HAPPY PIG DAY PARTY IDEAS

What do YOU know about Piggies (and Elephants too!)?  
From Page 4-5

### PIGGIES:

1. FALSE – Contrary to what you might think, pigs are actually known as very clean animals.
2. TRUE!
3. TRUE!
4. TRUE!
5. FALSE – The size of a litter of pigs can vary between two and twelve on average.
6. TRUE!

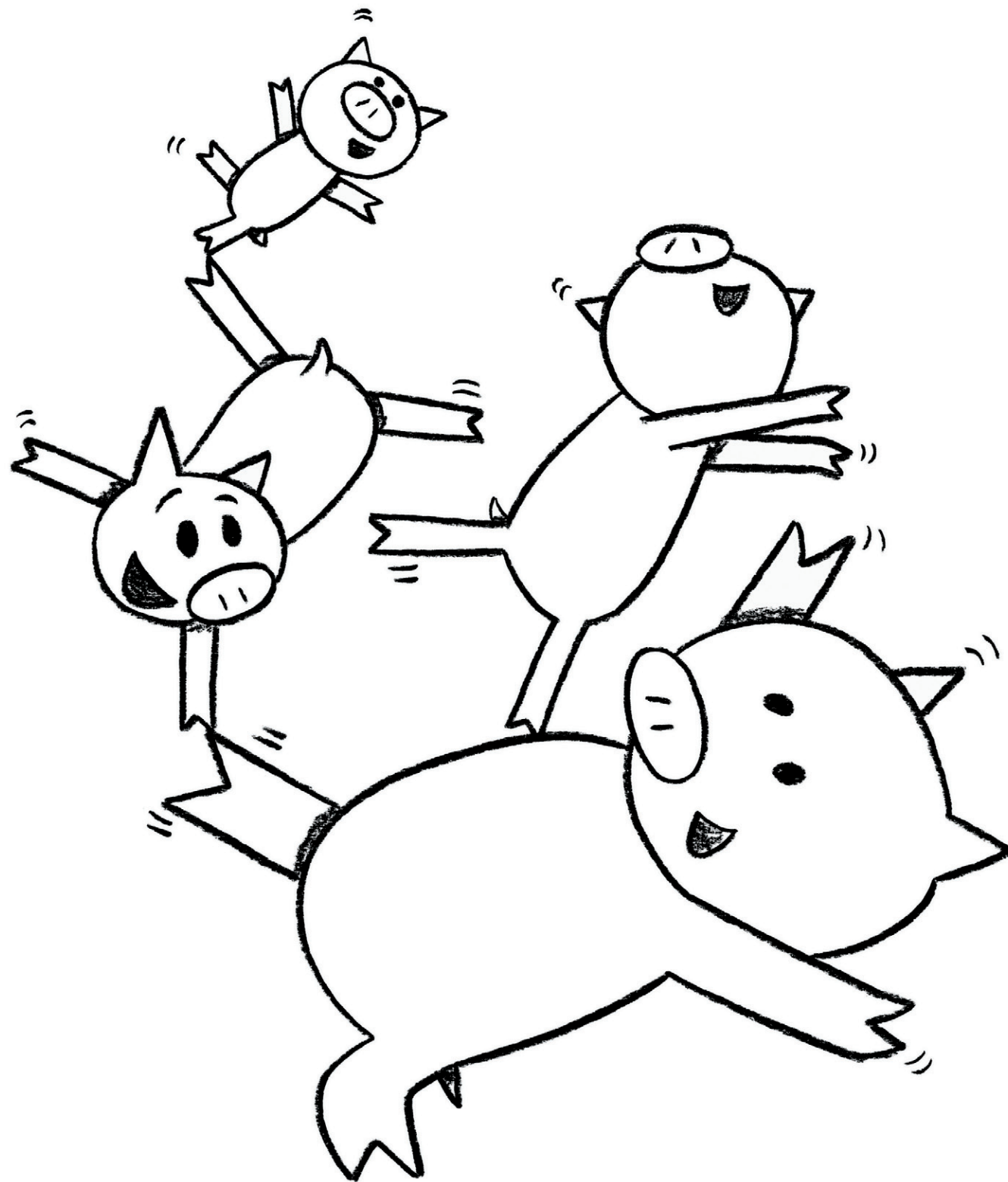
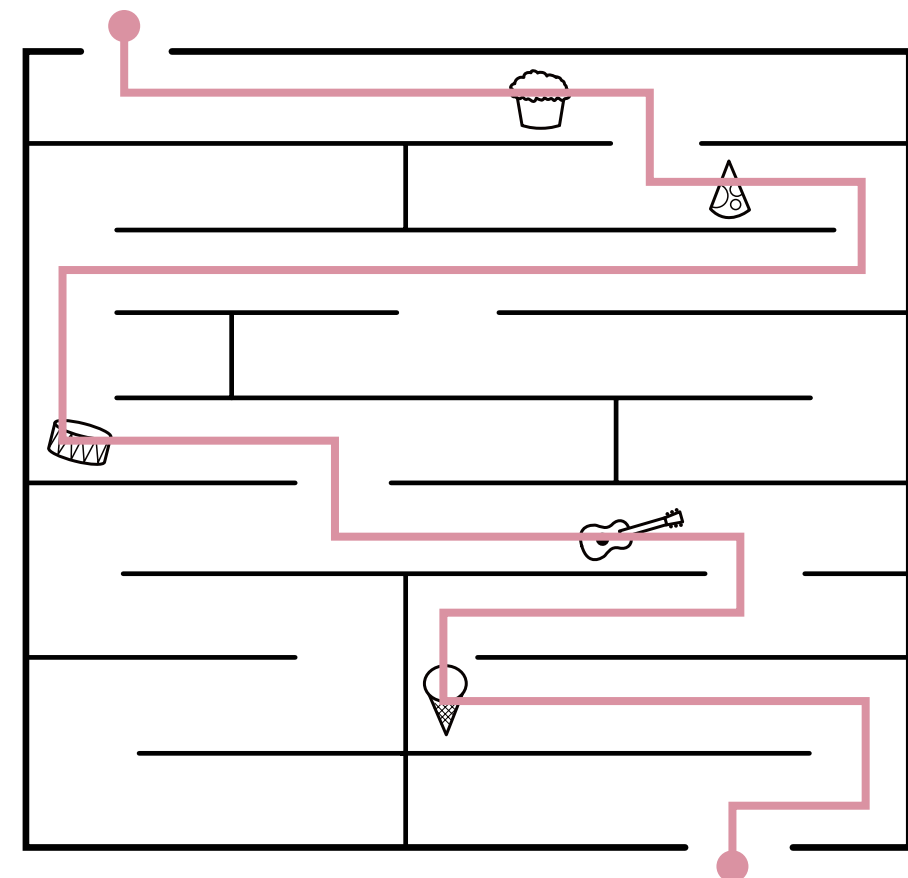
### ELEPHANTS:

1. FALSE – Elephants can weigh anywhere between five thousand and fourteen thousand pounds!
2. TRUE!
3. TRUE!
4. FALSE – Adult female elephants travel in packs, while adult male elephants travel alone
5. TRUE!

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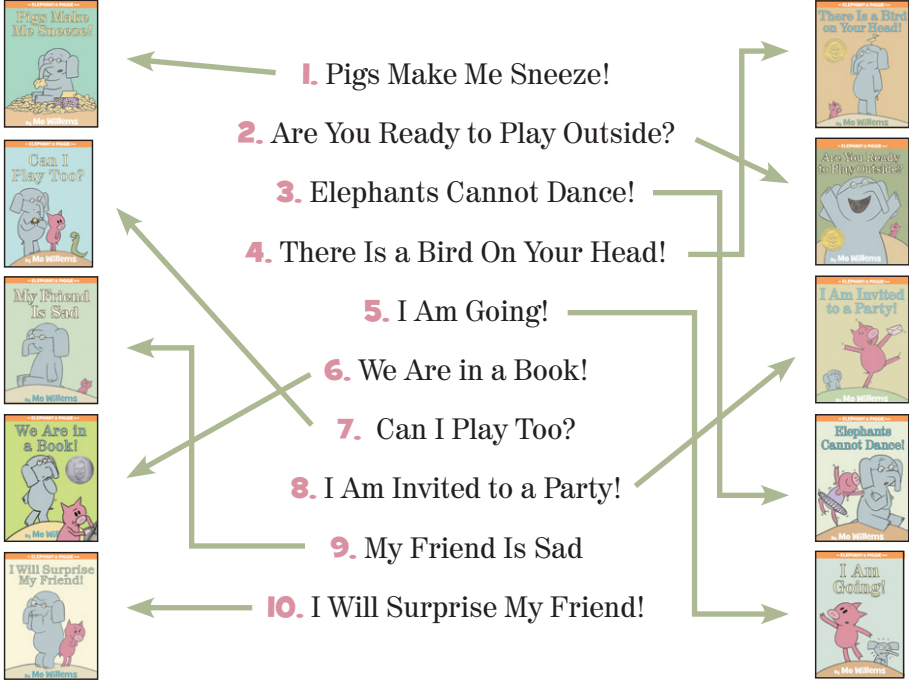
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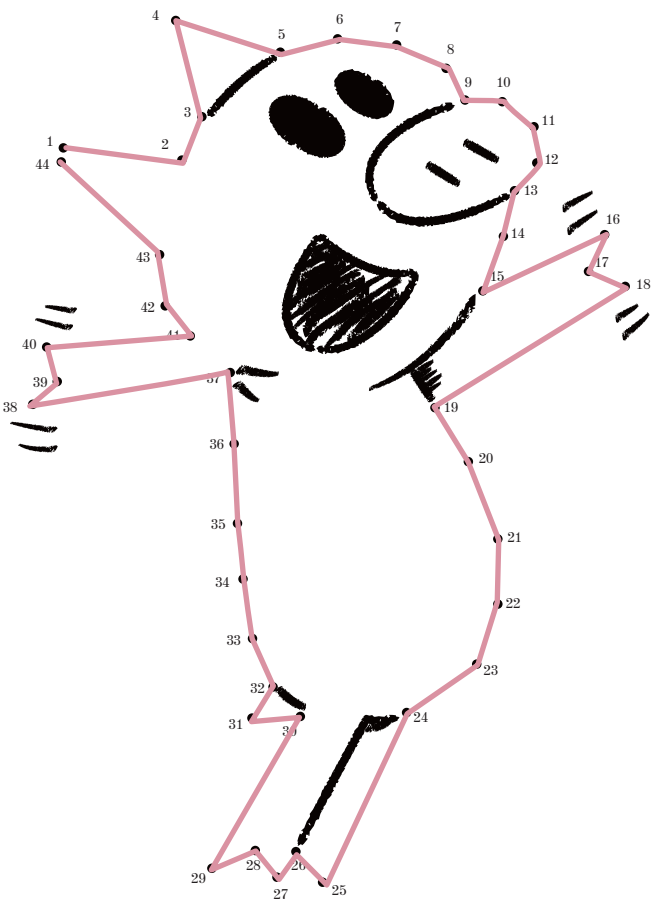
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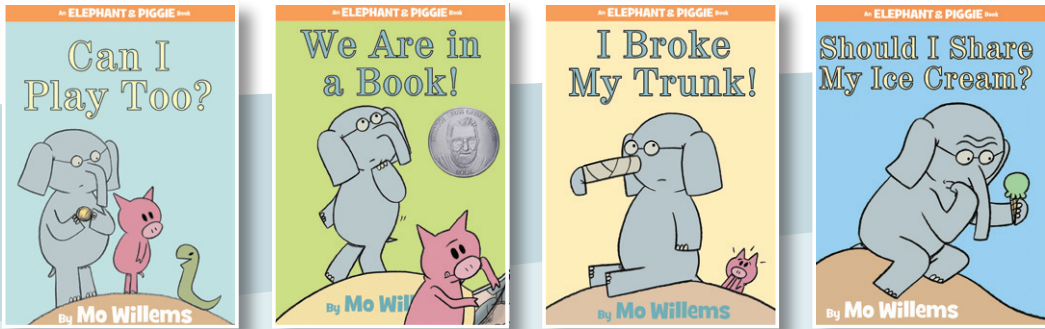


HAPPY PIG DAY!

DATE:

TIME:

PLACE:



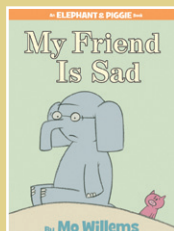
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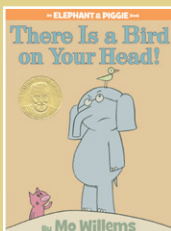
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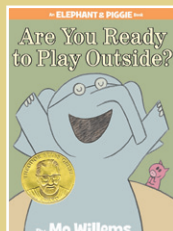
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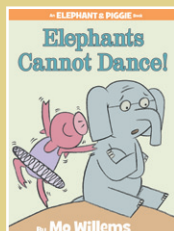
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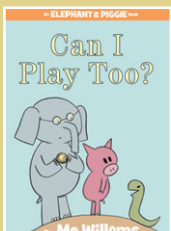
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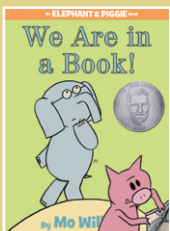
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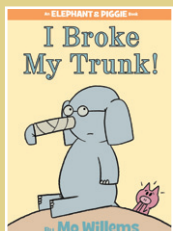
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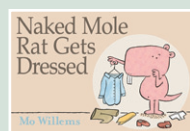
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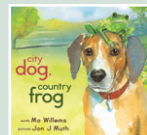
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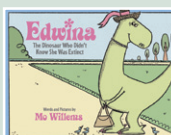
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