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The pigs are very hungry, and there's no food in the house. Mr. Pig suggests eating out -- but oh, no! The Pigs are out of money!

So the family goes on a money hunt. In beds, under the carpet, even in the washing machine the coins and bills add up, and soon it's off to the Enchanted Enchilada.

How much money did the Pigs find? What can they afford to order from the menu? Join the fun and pig out on math and money concepts with the Pigs!

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Kara Laidig says

Super cute book! The pigs were hungry but had no food in the fridge. They planned to go out to eat but soon realized they had no money. They decided to search their house to find enough money to eat. They found all sorts of money around the house. This book has a lot of activities you could do with your students involving math.

Margaret says

Pig family is hungry, kids and dad ate all the food in the fridge and they are out of money. Money Hunt! It's cute and silly, but has some redeeming values. There's a menu for learning about reading a menu, there are some illustrations for adding up the money found, and suggestions to figure out what else the family could have ordered. So, some nice reading and some real-life use of math. I'd use it in a class or with a child one-on-one. The menu is vegetarian, but not vegan (has cheese and eggs).

Megan .H says

Pigs will be Pigs

Have you lost your money before? Well if you have, then you should read this funny story. It is called Pigs will be Pigs, By: Amy Axelrod. It is a very fun children's book. It also says fun with math and money. It encourages kids to add money.

So in the beginning they want something for dinner. But when the mamma pig looks in the fridge there is no food in the fridge. So they want to go to a restaurant. But they don't have any money. Oh no! What will they do?

The setting is a very fun and colorful. The setting is a restaurant and their home. The story is told by the narrator. The main characters are the pigs. And the other characters are the waiters at the restaurant.

My favorite part of the book is when they just found out that they didn't have any money. I would recommend this book to anyone. One weakness of the book is the background. I think the author could of done better on it. And a strength of the book is the words in the story.

That is what I think of Pigs will be Pigs. Read the book to find out how they will get their money to go to the restaurant. It is a really fun book to read. I also would really like it if it had more pages to read. I would rate it 5 thumbs up.

Anthony says

The Pigs are hungry, and decide to go out to eat, but have no money, so they go on a money hunt through out their home, and find \$34.67 to spend. This book teaches problem solving and addition.

Whitney Bailey says

This book can be read during math lessons to introduce ways to add and subtract and also involves the use of money.

Great book for actually teaching students methods because it is not just a read a loud, it is intended to teach students about actual ways of solving.

Teachers could use this to teach students the concept of "main idea". They could use this book and compile different types of addition and subtraction problems. The students could pull out the problems and have the story read aloud to them while they figure out the problems. This could illustrate to students how to create and determine "main ideas".

Funny story that allows students to read along, while solving and formulating methods learned within the book.

Teacher could actually have students use fake money in order to help solve the pigs problems in the story.

ADDITION, SUBTRACTION, MONEY

Lance says

No quotes from me today.

This book was too terrible.

It perpetuates a terrifying subcurrent of contemporary popular media in the erasure of cultural eating disorders. When the Pig family discover that they have eaten all the food in their house after just one day without any conscious awareness of doing so, instead of addressing their serious compulsive eating issues which they are propagating in their children, their solution is to find some money so they can eat out. Which is fine. It's not like childhood obesity is one of the biggest health concerns for the young generation in developed countries.

That's not to mention that it also manages to stuff in some 1950s misogyny. Mrs. Pig goes to the grocery store before Mr. Pig comes back from work. Mr. Pig owns a tool box, finds the largest amount of money, and it is strongly implied that he brings home the bacon. And the male piglet dressed as a 1950s comic book school boy, whilst the female piglet is dressed like a 1950s prostitute with fishnet tights? Bleugh.

Also, the "author" promised maths and money concepts and only delivered a lame collection of random numerical amounts and a dry menu which didn't even bother to explain what the various dishes were. Also, is it not weird that chickens are part of the anthropomorphic animal community and yet eggs are on the menu? Literally zero thought went into any of this story.

I thought "*Harry Potter and the Cursed Child*" was going to be my worst book of the year. Boy was I wrong. Don't let this book anywhere near children. Seriously.

Samantha Hagler says

Wonderful book to use as a math unit! This is a colorful and humorous story about a family of pigs who are very hungry, but have no money! In their attempt to find money to be able to go out to eat, they begin searching all over the house and pick up loose change here and there. After finding enough money, they are able to go to a restaurant for dinner. I love how the author includes the full menu in the book. Most young elementary school students are familiar with menus, but do not necessarily have any practice or understanding of them. Students can first add up all of the money that the pigs find around the house to get a grand total. This is a good concept because the money that they find around the house covers a variety of loose change as well as dollar bills. Students can then use the menu to add up what their total bill for dinner would be (the book tells the reader what they ordered) and then subtract that from their total amount of money that they brought to get what the pigs have left over. Another activity that can be done with this book is have the students "order" off the menu provided in the book and add and subtract money to pay their bill. Also, the students can create their own menu and make their own prices.

Kristanne Duncan says

Pigs Will Be Pigs is a cute story about a family of pigs who go rummaging through their house in order to find enough money to go out to dinner. I enjoyed this story because how many of us haven't done something similar?! Looking through our purses and pockets, and under couch cushions. I liked that once the Pigs make it to their favorite restaurant we are provided with a full page illustration of a menu. This adds a little bit of real life experiences for students. The pictures are colorful and portray a cheery family of pigs just going through normal life experiences. Also, this can be a fun way to start a math lesson in counting money. Students can add up what each of the pigs found while rummaging through their house and how much the family finds total. Students can also subtract the Pig's restaurant bill from that total in order to find how much they have left. Many more math problems could be formed because of the helpful menu which gives the prices for all meals.

Jennifer says

This book was a personal favorite when I was young!!! It was great running across it again and utilizing it now as a teacher! The book does a great job of reeling its readers in with the colorful and humorous characters as well as the plot. I can relate to rummaging through the most RANDOM places in search of some money all for one purpose: FOOD! As a read aloud, students can keep count with the pigs as they gather money page by page. I really appreciate the menu layout in the book which serves as a great real life connection for its readers. Most first graders are familiar with the concept of a menu, but may not know exactly how to use one. This book includes it and students are able to make their own "receipts" respective to this tale!

The enchiladas at the end left my mouth watering!

Kandice Buck says

This is a great book to read to children when teaching about math and money. It is about a family of pigs

who are very hungry but do not have anymore food in the house to eat. They decide to go to a restaurant for dinner but the pigs did not have any money. They decide to look for as much money as they can around the house. They look all over the house. They look in their rooms, in the couches, in their beds, and anywhere else they can think of. When they come together they count how much money they have found and head to a Mexican restaurant for dinner. They have to decide how much they can get before their total will be to high. It is a great way to teach children how much each coin and dollar bill represent. Children would love this book!

Danna says

Such a fun book to teach counting money! My third graders loved listening to the story twice then counting how much money the pigs found in their house, multiplying to see how much the meal cost the pigs, then subtracting to find out how much money they had left over! A lot of math in a fun little book that made counting money just a little more fun.

Haley Hardwick says

Personal Reaction: I really enjoyed this book. Although I hate math, this book represented the idea of decimals and money to the reader in a fun and creative manner. It was entertaining and fun way to introduce addition of decimals, money, and problem solving

Purpose/Use in the Classroom: This book would be used for 3rd and 4th graders to help them understand the idea of money, addition, and problem solving. This book could be used in a lesson on Math, and a fun activity would be to have each student keep track of the money the pigs found and add it all up. At the end of the lesson, the students could look at the menu from the restaurant and see what the pigs could buy for dinner.

Other: I think this book would be very useful and entertaining for students, and a great way to integrate reading informational books into a math lesson.

Rebecca says

It is fun to watch the pig family run around the house in search of money so they can go out to dinner. It is also nice to utilize our money counting skills for those who are just learning how to do that. For me, that's where the fun ends. I guess I'm glad that this family is call Pigs and that's exactly what they are because they eat everything in the refrigerator only to discover there's nothing left just after Mom Pig has gone shopping. Now they have to raid the house to find money so they can stuff themselves at an all you can eat restaurant. I don't think this is the right message we should send when we have so many kids and families overweight because of over-eating.

Aryana Ahmad says

1. Personal Reaction: I think this book was really good and interesting to use in a classroom. It will be very beneficial to teach students about math and how to count money. In the end it shows exactly how much money they found and adds it up for children to see. I thought this book was a good book and I think that it would be a good book to use in a classroom.
2. Purpose/Use in the Classroom: The genre of this book is nonfiction but fiction in a way. For example, the pigs talking is obviously the fiction part. But, the amount of money and the actual sum of the money is considered the non fiction part. From this story a math lesson could be taught from it showing what the amount of the total money they found. Children that are in kindergarten through second grade would really enjoy this book. By watching the pigs scavenger for money that they try to find around their house. A literary element that could be taught from reading this book is conflict, the problem being that the Pigs didn't have enough money, but once they started looking around they found enough reaching a resolution. A nonfiction convention would be a chart at the end of the book showing the actual amount of money that the Pigs ended up collecting.
3. Diverse Perspectives: Something that could be taught from this book would be counting all the money that the Pigs collected.

Baby Adam says

The pigs were out of money. Oh no! They searched for money around the house, and then went out in the car (!?!?!?) to the restaurant. Why couldn't they have just gone to the bank to get more money? #plothole

The story had some redemption in its illustrations of all the different fun animals in the restaurant. But the pigs themselves were pretty scary. And their legs looked like hams how you'd buy them in the supermarket. #peta

The restaurant was rubbish too - there wasn't even any meat on the menu!
