

## Day 10:

### Language Arts- Reading Strategy Focus: Summarizing

"I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll blow your house down!" Can you identify which fairy tale that famous quotation is from? If you guessed *The Three Little Pigs*, you are correct!

For today's assignment, you will be reading a very short story entitled *Huffing and Puffing*. This short story is a spin-off of the original fairy tale *The Three Little Pigs*. You will also focus on the skill of summarizing while you complete the assignment. When you summarize, you state in a few sentences the major events in the story.

Read the short story *Huffing and Puffing*. Be sure to answer the discussion questions near the end of the story. As an extension to this assignment, write a short paragraph describing whether you liked this version of the original fairy tale. If so, what about this version did you like so much? If you disliked *Huffing and Puffing* and prefer the original version of *The Three Little Pigs*, explain why.

### Science- The 5 Senses

We rely on our 5 senses to provide information about the world around us. Seeing, smelling, tasting, touching, and hearing are all very important and we use each of those senses in our everyday lives. Your assignment is to make a list of what you are able to identify using each one of your senses. For example, what types of things can you identify using your sense of smell? Repeat that example for all 5 senses.

### Math-

#### Symmetry

#### Project:

Create a symmetrical greeting card for someone. Remember, once you have a line of symmetry, both sides of the line must be identical in order for it to have symmetry. That means that one side or half of an image is exactly the same as the other or appears to be a reflection or mirror of the other half.

Social Studies-

The Underground Railroad

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# "Huffing and Puffing"

The Three Pigs are expert carpenters, but is that enough?

"It looks like a winter storm is ready to strike," the TV Weather Person said. "A blizzard is moving through. That means high winds will be huffing and puffing all night long!"

The three pigs, Wilbur, Gordy, and Babe, were having dinner in front of the TV as the Weather Person gave his prediction.

"Looks like a big storm is brewing," Wilbur said.

"Yep," said his brother, Gordy. "A big storm. Can't say that I like storms."

"Nor do I," said the third brother, Babe. "It's a good thing our house is made out of straw. A straw house is built to last."

The phone rang. Wilbur answered it.

"Hello," said a voice over the line. "I'm calling on behalf of B.B. Wolf's Home Construction Company. Could I speak to Mr. Pig, Please?"

"This is Pig," Wilbur gruffly said.

"Who is it?" Gordy asked Wilbur.

"Some salesperson," Wilbur told his brother. "They always call when we're eating dinner." He turned back to the phone. "What are you selling?" Wilbur asked.

"Mr. Pig, have you considered fixing up your house?" the caller asked.

"No," Wilbur said. "Why should I?"

"This winter weather can ruin the finest homes," the salesperson said. "We are offering a special discount on rebuilding your home with bricks."

"Bricks?" Wilbur laughed. "Who needs bricks? We built this house with our own trotters using straw. Have you ever seen a straw house blown down?"

"No," the salesperson said. "In fact, I've never seen a straw house, period."

"That's your problem, not mine!" With that, Wilbur hung up the phone. "I can't believe someone would try to tell *me* how to build a house," Wilbur grumbled. He sat down in front of the TV with his two brothers. Outside, the wind howled.





It was true: the three pigs were expert carpenters. They could make a three-bedroom house out of playing cards and shoestring. They could make a four-car garage out of dryer lint and chewed bubble gum. The problem was, for all of their skill as carpenters, the pigs were lousy at planning. They had no idea what materials to use. Worst of all, they never learned from their mistakes.

The next morning, the three pigs woke up shivering in the cold. Snow three feet deep covered the ground. Sticking out of the snow were thousands of stalks of straw. It was all that was left of their house.

"Hmmm," Gordy said, as he looked over the remains of their house. "Maybe straw wasn't the best building material to use, after all."

"Maybe it wasn't," Wilbur agreed. "But what could be better than straw?"

"You want to know what's better than straw?" Babe said. He reached down and pulled a twig from the snow. "Sticks!"

All winter the pigs worked on their house. They gathered sticks. They wove them together to build walls and a roof. They even used sticks to make a fireplace and chimney—although they had the good sense not to use it.

Finally, just as the snow was melting, the house of sticks was ready. The proud pigs moved in.

That night, the pigs watched the Weather Channel on TV.

"Looks like a big twister is blowing through," the Weather Person said. "It's going to be huffing and puffing all night long!"

"Makes you feel safe and sound, knowing that you live in a house of sticks, huh, boys?" Wilbur said. His brothers nodded in agreement.

That night, a storm hit. Just as the Weather Person had predicted, the wind huffed and puffed and howled outside the pigs' new house.

The next morning, there was no house—just a pile of sticks. The pigs stood in the middle of what was left of their home, scratching their heads.

"Well, I'll be a monkey's uncle," Wilbur said. "We tried straw. We tried sticks. What do we try next?"

The phone started to ring. It took the pigs a few minutes of digging through the rubble before Babe finally found the phone.

"Hello," Babe said into the phone.

"Hello," said a voice. "I'm calling on behalf of B.B. Wolf's Home Construction Company. We're offering a spring special. We can remodel your house using bricks. Are you interested?"

Babe put the phone down and turned to his brothers. "Hey, fellows," he said, "I think I have the answer to our problem!"





### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. *What are the three pigs doing as the story starts?*
2. *Who calls the three pigs? What does the person offer? How do the pigs respond?*
3. *What happens to the pigs and their houses? What is the pigs' greatest talent? What is their weakness?*
4. *What do you think will happen next? Make a prediction.*

Then continue reading to see if you were right.

Later that day, the pigs paid a visit to B.B. Wolf, the president of B.B. Wolf's Home Construction Company.

"What can I do for you boys?" Wolf asked as the three pigs sat down in front of his big, solid desk.

"Mr. Wolf, we are expert carpenters," Babe said. "We want to work for you."

"Call me Big-Bad," Wolf said, as he gave the pigs an inquiring glance. "Can you prove to me that you know how to build houses?"

The three pigs showed Wolf pictures of their houses made of straw and sticks. "Hmmm," Wolf said as he looked them over. "These are nice. I can't say I'd make a house out of straw or sticks. But if I did, I'd want it to look like this." Wolf set the pictures aside. "Tell you what I'm going to do. You three pigs come work for me. In exchange, I'll build a house of bricks just for you. How does that sound?"

"To tell you the truth, sir, we'd rather be paid with cash," Wilbur explained.

"We're saving up our money," Gordy said. "By the end of the summer we hope to save enough to move to Florida," Babe added. "Someplace warm, where the winter wind doesn't huff or puff."

A few months later, the three pigs had saved enough to move to Florida. The new house they built was on the beach outside Miami. Their first night there, the three pigs tuned in the Weather Channel.

"There's a big storm off the coast of Florida," the Weather Person said. "Looks like it could be a hurricane. The wind will be huffing and puffing."

"It sure makes you feel safe and sound to be living in a house made out of sand, doesn't it?" Babe said.

His brothers nodded in agreement.

