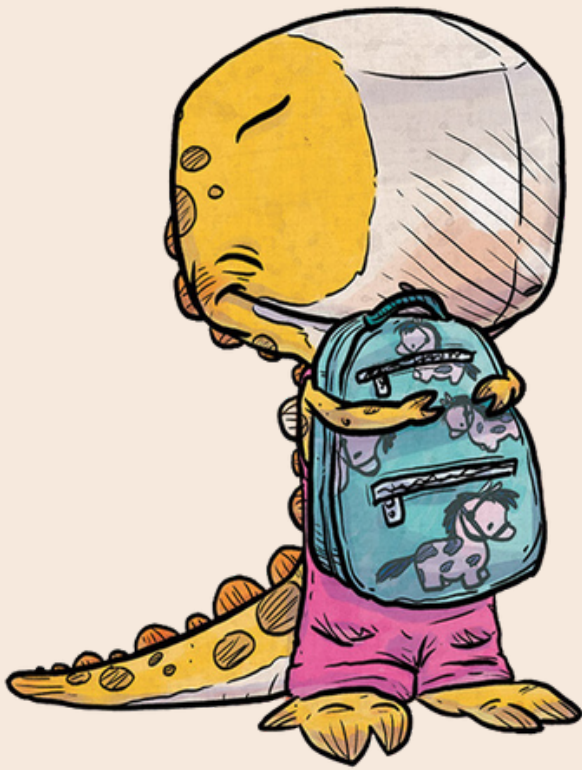
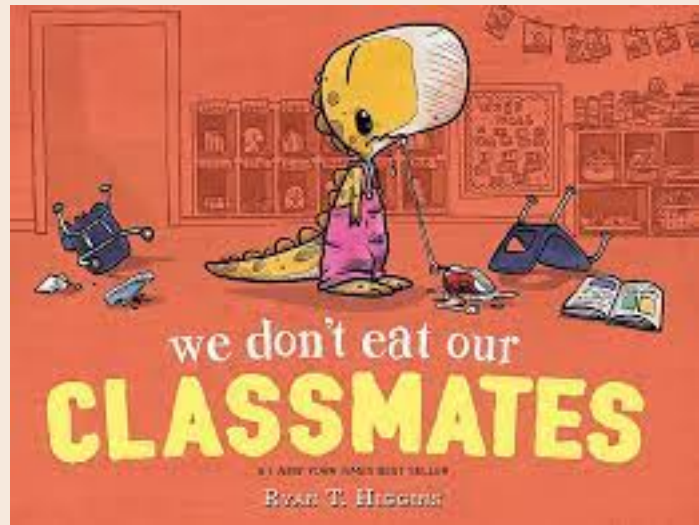


Back to School!

Themed Storytime with Craft

Meet Penelope Rex and join her on her first day at school where things don't go as planned. A funny and sweet story to get kids back in the mindset for school!

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- You will need: yellow balloons, orange felt, black sharpies scissors, spare plastic water bottles, funnels, glue and flour or dry rice.
- Includes optional coloring sheet

Instructions

Stress Ball Activity

To begin:

Gather and lay out all required materials.

Use a funnel to begin filtering your flour/rice inside of the plastic water bottle

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Next affix the inflated balloon over the mouth of the flour/rice bottle as shown to the right

Next you will flip over the bottle, and begin GENTLY shaking the flour/rice into the bottle. Slow and gently leak the remaining air from the balloon. Slow otherwise your filling may burst out causing a big mess!



Now we can begin cutting and adding Penelope's felt spikes with glue to the top of our balloon.

Once you allow for the spikes to dry (30 mins) you can the draw on Penelopes face which is undoubtedly the best part! Now your kids have their own Penelope Rex!



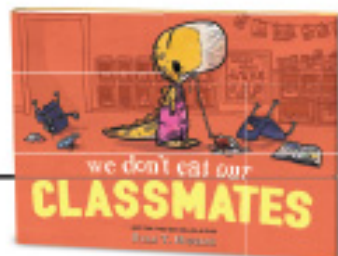


This is a finished example of the Penelope activity. Feel free to try your own artistic spin!

OPTIONAL: Help Penelope get ready for school; attached coloring sheet below!

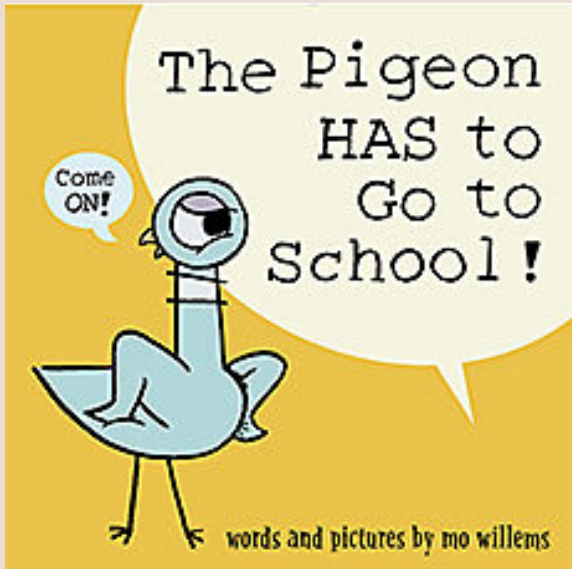
A new outfit for school.

Penelope is almost ready for her first day of school, but she needs your help! Can you color in her outfit?



Instructions

Pigeon Hand Activity



Next meet Mo Willems Pigeon, who has quickly become a family favorite! Join the pigeon on his first day of school. A fresh and wacky take on back to school jitters.

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Follow along for a handprint pigeon craft where you can make your own Mo Willems inspired Pigeon!



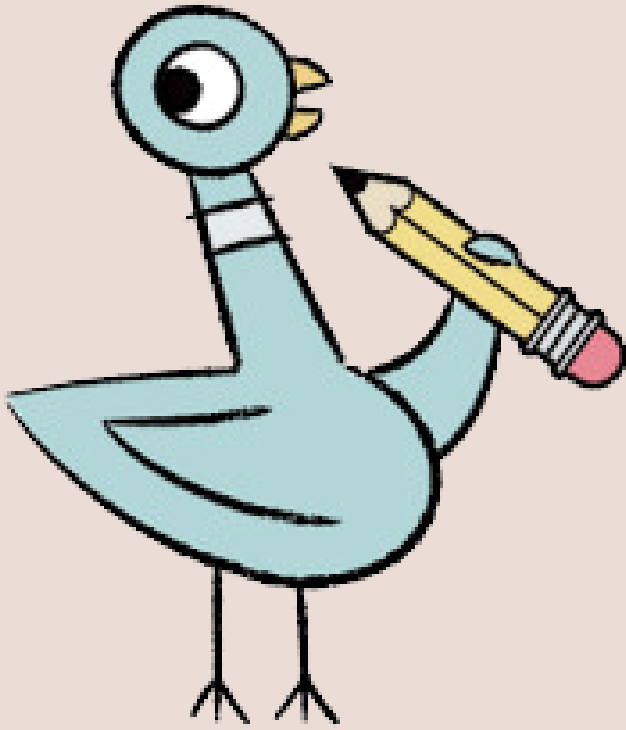
If you have a smart device, simply scan the QR code to the right for a video demonstration of the craft tutorial.



Supplies Needed

- Cardstock: light blue, black, yellow and white
- Black marker
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Gluestick
- 1 Googly eye

Begin by tracing your Child's hand on the blue cardstock, then cut it out.



Next, face your cut handprint to the right as shown above, and draw a simple wing in the center palm

From here cut a long skinny rectangle about 4in long by .75in wide
Then cut a circle about 1.5in
These will be the pigeons neck and head respectively
Attach the neck and head with glue and then add to the body, as shown to the left



Cut a small triangle from the yellow cardstock for the beak, and attach.

Now cut a small rectangle from the white cardstock for the neck about .5in by 1.5in
Next cut 2 small rectangles from the black cardstock about .25in by 2in these will be the legs

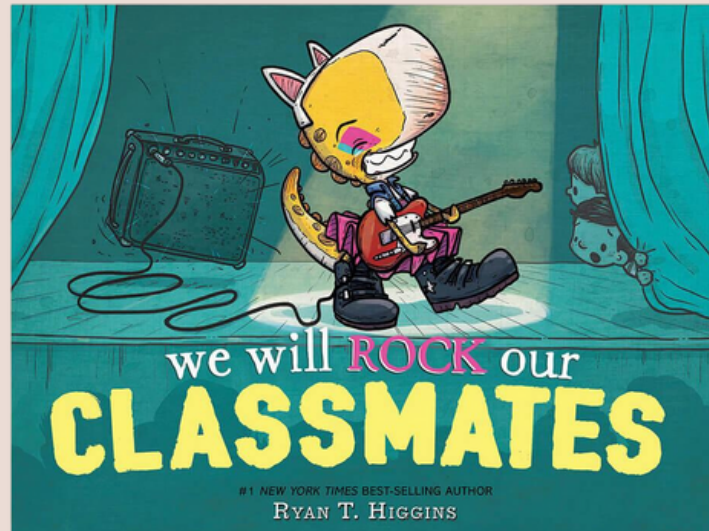


Lastly, affix the neck and leg pieces to your pigeon, and you should have a final product resembling the one below!



Meet Penelope again with a final reading of 'We Will Rock Our Classmates' to get the kiddos excited for back to school in the witty yet heartwarming story.

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Fan of Penelope Rex? Feel free to follow her along in these additional tales!

