

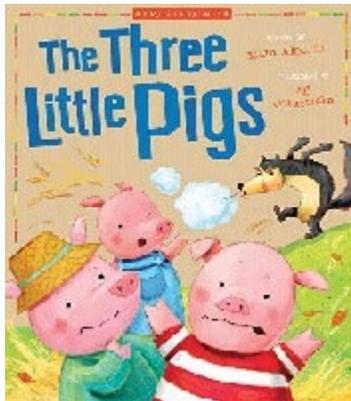
Theme: Silly Fairytales and Circle Times

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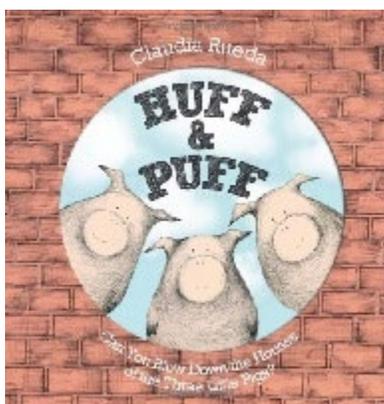
Hello StrongStart friends,

Today we will be talking about fairy tales. Fairy tales, often for children, are written or oral stories that spark a listener's imagination. Some popular ones your children may already know include Cinderella, Goldilocks and the Three Bears and The Gingerbread Man. The great thing about these fairy tales is that you can adapt it to anyway you like! Today, we have three versions of the Three Little Pigs for you to enjoy.

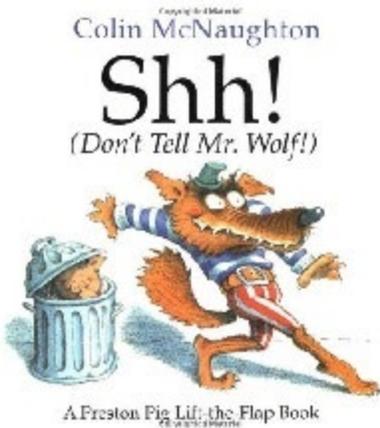
Here is Teacher Michelle reading a traditional version of the "The Three Little Pigs" adapted by Mara Alperin - https://youtu.be/6nz6o6l_Mk4



Now, Ms. Cindy will read an interactive version of the story called "Huff and Puff: Can You Blow Down the Houses of the Three Little Pigs?" by Claudia Rueda - <https://youtu.be/A8a31QbNtyw>



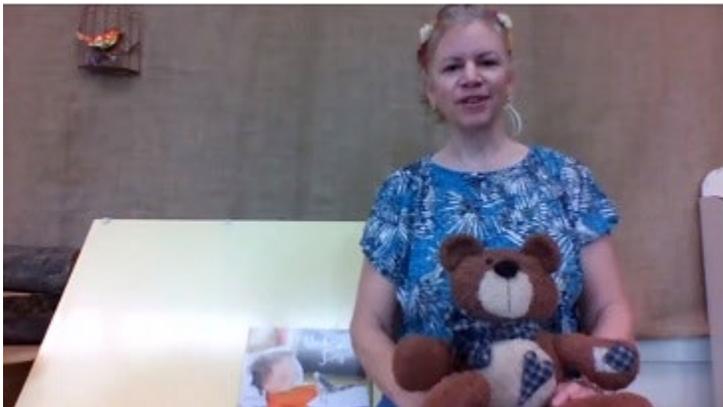
Here is Teacher Natalya reading a story that features the characters of the Three Little Pigs but completely different story. It is called "Shh! Don't Tell Mr. Wolf" by Colin McNaughton - <https://youtu.be/uUbPBvRFdUs>



Oral storytelling is a great way to build language skills. With your child, come up with different ways to re-tell the story of the "Three Little Pigs". What elements of the story did you keep or change? With older children, you can encourage them to draw pictures associated with their story. Talk about the order of storytelling - for example, use words like "first", "then", and "after". Don't forget to record the story so you can listen to it in the future!

Another way to build language skills is through songs and stories. A big part of StrongStart is our circle times. Circle times can look different depending on your child's age. For example, an infant toddler circle time has more back-to-back songs and fingerplays whereas a preschooler circle time may have a couple of books with themes that promote group discussions. Here are some age-specific circle times:

An infant toddler circle time with Ms. Linda - <https://youtu.be/5zon51Pfgks>



A preschool-age circle time with Ms. Joni - <https://youtu.be/t4qdW0B-wrk>



In conclusion, children love to imitate! Take turns leading a circle time at home. Encourage your children to use storybooks, musical instruments or stuffed animals as part of their circle time. You can record the circle time and watch it together afterwards!