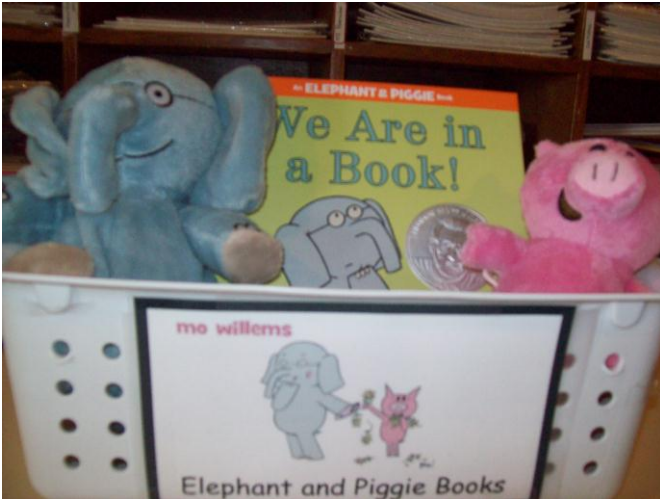


Introducing...“The Elephant and Piggie Book Club” Thank you, Mo Willems!

by Teacher Nellie

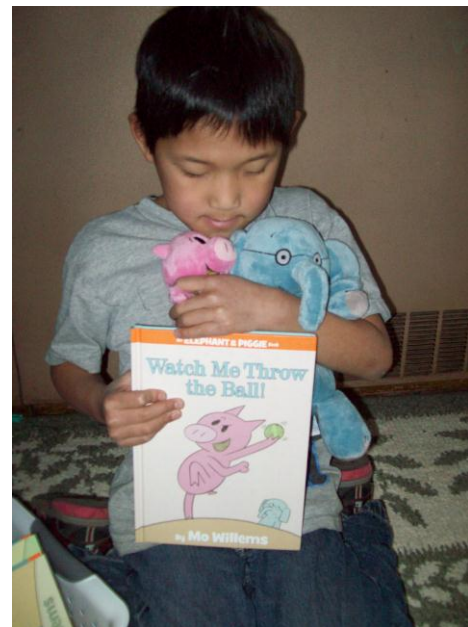


Today I introduced my kindergarten friends to our newest collection of delightful “real books” for real readers: *Elephant and Piggie Books* by Mo Willems.

What fun it is to dramatically read *Today I Will Fly*, *Watch Me Throw My Ball*, *Elephants Cannot Dance*, and *I Love My New Toy*, with a playful, exuberant Piggie voice and a serious, thoughtful Elephant voice! Many of the children spontaneously *became* each book character

(miming movements and echoing phrases) with dramatic exuberance of their own. They simply kept laughing and wanting “just one more book!” And so began our new “Elephant and Piggie Book Club” adventure and another kindergarten action-research project.

The following day, I watched the children take turns holding the animal characters and tracking the hilarious and often familiar language of these books—helping each other read! One boy found a quiet corner to read and snuggle with his newest animal buddies, Elephant and Piggie! The children couldn’t wait to take their first book home to read with families in our Mo Willems-inspired envelopes.



Elephant and Piggie Soft Toys are available at yotttoy.com, item #506