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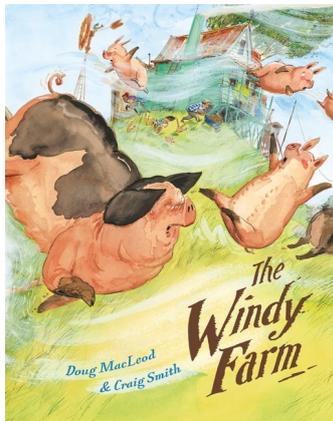
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Teacher Notes and Activities

The Windy Farm

By Doug MacLeod & Craig Smith
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Why would anyone want to live on a farm where the winds are so fierce that even the pigs are blown away? Fortunately Mum is a clever inventor and can think of one very good reason.



Some of the discussion points/activities have been taken from those prepared by the publishers, Working Titles Press. A full version will be available at www.workingtitlepress.com.au

Themes:

- Wind Power
- Environmental Sustainability
- Greed
- Forgiveness

Discussion Points & Activities:

- Open the book out to show the whole cover. Tell the children the title of the story and ask them what they think is happening in the picture.
- Looking at the first few pages, talk with the children about how the wind affects everything on Windy Farm.
- Ask the children to find out more about renewable and non-renewable resources and the positive and adverse effect that they can have on our shared environment.
- Talk about how Mum, using her imagination and problem-solving skills found a way to benefit from the wind.
- With the children, think of ways that you can contribute to environmental sustainability in your setting. Gardening, saving water, recycling, etc.
- Make up your own stories that come up with alternative solutions to the problem of living on a windy farm.
- Talk with each other about the funniest scenes in the story.
- Children in small groups can choose an illustration that they think is the funniest, and make up their own story about the picture.
- How did you feel about rich Uncle Jeff? What words would you use to describe him?
- What does this story tell us about forgiving others?