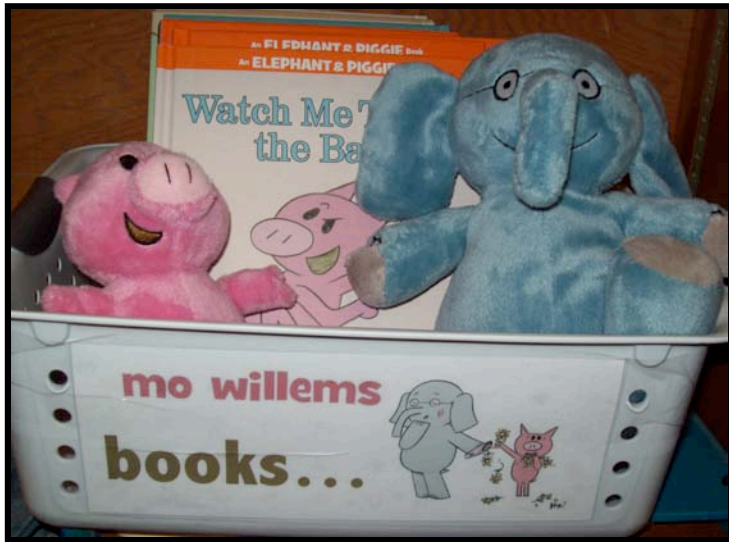


# Introducing "The Elephant and Piggie Book Club": Thank you Mo Willems!

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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 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 begins our new "Elephant and Piggie Book Club".

The following day... I watched the children take turn holding the animal puppets and tracking the hilarious and often familiar language of these books—helping each other read! Later one boy found a quiet corner to read and snuggle with his newest animal buddies: Elephant and Piggie!

