



2015 Summer Activities Calendar

This cover is the background for the cut out characters on the back page - *The Three Little Pigs*. Story telling instructions found on the *Easing Those First Day Jitters!* page.

Helpful Phone Numbers

- Allen County Education Partnership - 423-6447 www.abouteducation.org
Bowen Center-counseling services - 471-3500
CANI-Community Action of Northeast Indiana, Inc., Head Start Early Childhood Programs, Healthy Families, Family Literacy Support - 423-3546
Early Childhood Alliance/Parents as Teachers - 745-2501
Erin's House-grief/loss counseling - 423-2466
"First Call for Help"- for help with food, counseling, employment, health care, support groups, legal aid, clothing and education, dial 211 or 744-0700
Hoosier Healthwise and the Healthy Indiana Plan - state-sponsored health insurance programs for children birth-19 and adults 19-64, contact 1-800-889-9949.
The Literacy Alliance-adults and children - 426-7323
Neighborhood Health Clinic-WIC services and affordable medical and dental care - 458-2641
Poison Control - 1-800-222-1222
SCAN-Stop Child Abuse and Neglect - 421-5000
Super Shot - 424-7468
Urban League - 745-3100

Allen County School Districts

For information about registration, your school, transportation, food and nutrition, please contact your district.

East Allen County Schools:
Information - 446-0100

Fort Wayne Community Schools:
Family & Student Support Services - 467-2120
FWCS Multi-Lingual Information Hotline - 467-2009
FWCS Transportation - 467-1900

Northwest Allen County Schools:
Administrative Office - 637-3155

Southwest Allen County Schools:
General Information - 431-2000



Allen County Public Libraries

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|-----------------|---------------------------|----------|
| • Aboite | 5630 Coventry Ln. | 421-1310 |
| • Dupont | 536 E. Dupont Rd. | 421-1315 |
| • Georgetown | 6600 E. State Blvd. | 421-1320 |
| • Hessen Cassel | 3030 E. Paulding Rd. | 421-1330 |
| • Little Turtle | 2201 Sherman Blvd. | 421-1335 |
| • Main Library | 900 Library Plaza | 421-1200 |
| • New Haven | 648 Green St. | 421-1345 |
| • Pontiac | 2215 S. Hanna St. | 421-1350 |
| • Shawnee | 5600 Noll Ave. | 421-1355 |
| • Tecumseh | 1411 E. State Blvd. | 421-1360 |
| • Waynedale | 2200 Lower Huntington Rd. | 421-1365 |
| • Woodburn | 4701 Fahlfing Rd. | 421-1370 |

Summer Reading Program

Just One More Page

June 8 through August 1

****NEW**** Open to all ages

The entire program and all special events are free of charge.

Librarians will be visiting schools in the spring to distribute reading logs and explain the program to students; reading logs will also be available to pick up at all library locations throughout the months of May, June, and July. Reading Partners activities for parents and caregivers are available: adults who complete suggested literacy activities with a child will be entered in drawings for gift cards to local stores and attractions. Many special events are also being planned at all library locations. For more information, including a complete schedule of events, visit www.acpl.info.

Family Fun!

Botanical Gardens 427-6440
Boys and Girls Club 744-0998
City Parks Department 427-6000
City Pools



Free Summer Lunch Program June 8 - August 1

Jury Memorial 245-0152
McMillen 427-6704
Memorial 427-6702
Northside 427-6705
Euell Wilson Center 456-2917
Fox Island 449-3180
Jennings Center 427-6700
Lindenwood Nature Preserve 427-6740
Matea County Park 449-3777
Salomon Farm 427-6790
Science Central 424-2400
YMCA Metropolitan Office 422-6488
Zoo 427-6800

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.
-Winston Churchill

Supervised Summer Playground Program for children ages 5 and older, June 9-August 1, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The program sites are: Hamilton, Lafayette, Lakeside, Memorial and Packard. Hanna Homestead, Mondays 9-11 a.m. and 3-5 p.m. and Wednesdays, 9-11 a.m. only. FREE lunches are provided daily by Fort Wayne Community Schools.

Free Summer Lunch Program, June 8-August 1, Monday-Friday, 11:30 a.m.-noon. Lunch program sites are Faith Lutheran Gethsemane Lutheran Church, St. Albans Church, St. Joseph Methodist Church and also at various parks, centers, and some Allen County Public Library branches throughout the city. For more information call Nutrition Process Center 467-2500.

Wellspring Interfaith Social Services Summer Fun for children ages 4-17, June 10-July 23, 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Games, crafts, music, art, dance, field trips, recreation, yoga, educational activities, parent activities, etc. Call 422-6618 ext. 109. FREE lunches are provided daily by Fort Wayne Community Schools at Moody Park.

The Neighborhood Recreation Center summer program will run June 9-August 1, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at Weisser, Jennings, Cooper and McMillen Centers. FREE lunches are provided daily by Fort Wayne Community Schools from 11:30 a.m.-noon. Registration begins May 6 at the centers.

MLK Montessori School Summer Program for 3-5 year olds, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. For information call 423-4333 or e-mail GMcKinney@mlkdreamschool.org. Before and after care available, 7 a.m.-8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

June 15-June 26: Moovin' and Groovin': rockstars, dance, art explosion, circus

June 29-July: Fantasy Fun Land: Disney, fairy tales, Dr. Seuss, knights and princesses, wizards, adventure land

July 13-July 24: Hawaiian Hullabaloo: under the sea, oceans and islands, fun in the sun, creative cooking, water fun

July 27-July 31: Outdoor Madness: messy Olympics, amazing race, safari, camping and carnival

Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Check out this story at your local Allen County Public Library or visit the following website:
<http://youtu.be/KndSVsY5HWM>



Small Medium Large Under Soft Hard Hot Cold



May
2015

Talking with your child is one of the best ways to help him/her get ready for school. Using the vocabulary at the bottom of the picture of *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*, talk to your child about what is happening in the picture.

School Readiness Activities:

Look at the picture above. **Discuss** what might be in the bowls, who might eat from the bowls, and why there is a little girl in the picture.

Talk about the taste, smell, and feel of the ingredients as you are cooking.

Go outside and **collect** rocks and stones together. **Sort** them into three piles...small, medium, and large. **Ask**, "Are they the same? Are they different?"

With your child, collect buttons or lids from different containers. **Use** these objects to make a pattern. (large, small, large, small)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30
31						



Are you looking for quality child care for the summer?

For help finding quality child care and more information on **Paths to QUALITY**, call the Early Childhood Alliance Child Care Resource and Referral. This is a free service for all parents! 1-800-299-1627

The Three Billy Goats Gruff

Check out this story at your local Allen County Public Library or visit the following website:
<http://youtu.be/f4kdZTnizG4>



Get Your **FREE**
Library Card Today!



First Second Third Over On Off Sounds Loud Soft

June 2015

In school, your child will talk about feelings, learn concept words and position words. The words at the bottom of the picture are examples of the language you can use while re-telling the story of *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*.



School Readiness Activities:

Look at the picture above. Have your child **explain** how he/she thinks the troll is feeling. Have your child **describe** a time when he/she may have felt the same way.

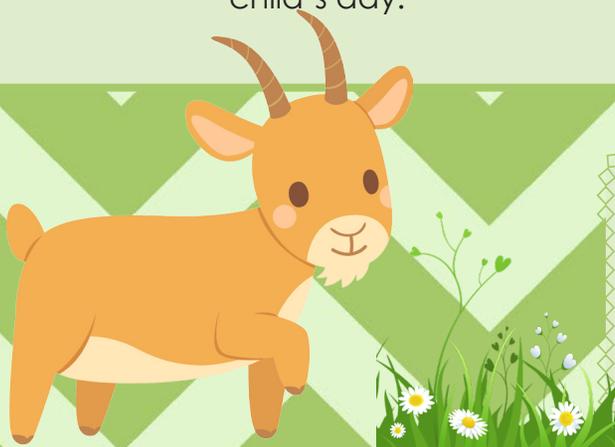
Have your child close his/her eyes and listen. Have him/her **describe** what he/she hears.

Talk about feelings. **Ask** your child what makes him/her happy, sad, angry, etc.

Have your child **draw** a picture. Then have your child **describe** how he/she is feeling in the picture.

Use terms – before, after, next, now, later, first and last – when talking about your child's day.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6 McMillen Community Extravaganza 12-4 p.m.
7	8 ACPL Summer Reading Program begins!	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Make a dentist appt. for your child!	16	17 Lakeside Park Carnival 5-7 p.m.	18	19	20
21 Father's Day	22	23	24 Lafayette Park Carnival 5-7 p.m.	25	26	27
28	29	30				



Reading To Your Child

- Read to your child every day!
- Ask your child what he/she thinks the book will be about.
- Talk about the pictures with your child.
- Ask your child what might happen next.
- Ask your child questions about what happened in the book.



The Little Red Hen

Check out this story at your local Allen County Public Library or visit the following website:
<http://youtu.be/smspKuKq15c>



How do we get along?

Share

Take Turns

Help Others



July 2015

When your child learns the similarities and differences between colors and shapes, he/she is using the same skills needed to recognize the differences between letters and numerals. Talk with your child about the picture from the story *The Little Red Hen*. Ask, "What shapes and colors are in the picture?"

School Readiness Activities:

Look at the picture above. **Point to** and **name** the shapes you see on the animals.

Point to and **ask** your child to make the sound of that animal.

Play "I Spy" with letters, shapes, numbers, colors and location words.

Sort the laundry with your child. Choose two groups, such as dark and light, pants and socks, or any other group. **Discuss** with your child about the similarities and differences in the two groups.

Sit outside with your child and observe clouds. **Discuss** what shapes the clouds look like. Get the book *It Looked Like Spilt Milk* from the library.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 4th of July
5	6	7	8 Hamilton Park Carnival 5-7 p.m.	9	10	11 Three Rivers Festival Parade 10 a.m.
12	13	14	15 Packard Park Carnival 5-7 p.m.	16	17 Fri. & Sat. Children's Festival at IPFW 10 a.m.-4 p.m.	18 Three Rivers Festival Fireworks Downtown 10 p.m.
19	20	21	22 Cooper Community Center Carnival 5-7 p.m.	23	24 FWCS Registration 8 a.m.-1 p.m.	25
26	27 FWCS Registration 12 p.m.-7 p.m.	28	29 Hanna Homestead Park Carnival 5-7 p.m.	30	31 Memorial Park Kaboom Play Day 3-5 p.m.	

Can you find these shapes in your home?



Triangle



Rectangle



Circle



Diamond



Square



Oval



Immunization requirements:

(number of doses of vaccine required)

5-DTP/Td, 4-TOPV,

3-Hepatitis B, 2-MMR,

2-Varicella (if they have not had Chicken Pox)

2 Hepatitis A recommended

www.supershot.org

Super Shot - 424-7468

The Gingerbread Man



Check out this story at your local Allen County Public Library or visit the following website:
<http://youtu.be/slidHnMR1yE>



Run

Skip

Jump

Catch

Throw

Fast

Slow

Quick



August 2015

Your child will actively play with others in school. Talk with your child about how he/she can move. Using the words at the bottom of the picture from *The Gingerbread Man*, have your child follow your directions.

School Readiness Activities:

Look at the picture above. Have your child **tell** you how the different characters move. Then have him/her **act** out those movements.

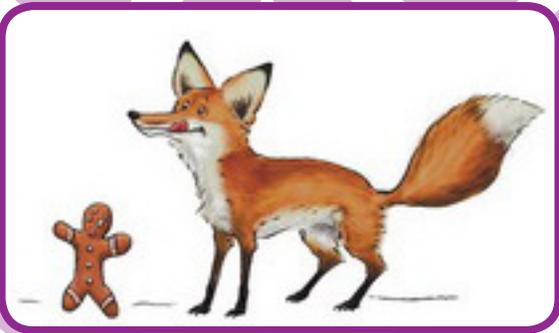
Play follow the leader doing gross motor activities such as marching, hopping, jumping, etc.

Take a walk in your neighborhood or a store. **Name** the things you see such as animals, colors of cars or houses or shapes of buildings.

Go outside and bounce or throw a ball back and forth. Start with one and **count** each time your child bounces or throws the ball.

Put shaving cream on your table and have your child **write** letters, numbers and shapes with his/her finger.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Start a sleep schedule!	Memorial Park Carnival 3-5 p.m.	1 ACPL Summer Reading Program Ends
2	3	4	5 Check out the menu for the 1st week of school!	6 FWCS Kindergarten Conferences	7 Review bus safety rules!	8
9	10	11 FWCS & EACS 1st Day of School!	12 NACS & SACS 1st Day of School!	13 Go to bed on time! Get 8 hours of sleep!	14 Don't stop reading to your child every night!	15
16	17 Ask your child about his/her favorite thing to do in school!	18 Check your child's book bag every day!	19 Don't forget to send in school supplies!	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					



Help Your Child be Responsible

- Give your child household chores to do.
- Have your child pick up his/her toys.
- Help your child learn his/her address and phone number.
- Practice putting on a coat, zipping, buttoning and tying shoes.



Be Creative!

Gingerbread Cookie Recipe

Ingredients:

3 cups flour	2 tsp. ground ginger
1 tsp. cinnamon	1 tsp. baking soda
1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg	1/4 tsp. salt
3/4 cup butter, softened	3/4 cup packed brown sugar
1/2 cup molasses	1 egg

Mix flour, ginger, cinnamon, baking soda, nutmeg and salt in large bowl. Beat butter and sugar in a large bowl with mixer on medium speed until light and fluffy. Add molasses and egg; beat well. Gradually beat in flour mixture on low until well mixed. Press dough into a large flat disk. Wrap in plastic. Refrigerate 4 hours or overnight.

Roll dough to 1/4 inch thickness on lightly floured surface. Cut into gingerbread men shapes and place 1 inch apart on ungreased baking sheets.

Bake in oven preheated to 350 degrees for 8 to 10 minutes or until edges of cookies are set and beginning to brown. Cool on baking sheets for 1-2 minutes. Cool completely on wire racks. Decorate as desired!

Playdough Learning Fun

While playing with play dough, talk about what it smells like, what it feels like, how the colors change and what happens to its texture as it starts to dry out a little. Show your child how to make a long dough "snake" by using the flat of his/her hand to roll a lump of play dough back and forth on a flat surface. Guide your child to form shapes, letters, or numerals with the "snake." Make balls and count them or put them into a line from largest to smallest. Cut the dough with scissors to strengthen fine motor skills. What animals can you make from the dough? Ask, "Where does this animal live?"

Card Deck Games

Top it...(You may remember it as War.) Use a deck of cards. Leave out the face cards. Make the ace the number 1 card. Each player plays one card. The player with the highest card wins!

Go Fish

Old Maid

Uno



Pretend

Get a big box. Give it to your child and help him/her create a rocket ship, car, castle or boat. Use flashlights and pretend you are on an adventure. A blanket draped over a table or some chairs makes a fun tent.

Board Games

Dominoes	Candy Land
Elefun	Twister
Color and Shape Bingo	Memory

Good Children's Programming

Found on cable and educational networks...

Animal Planet	Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood
Dinosaur Train	Dora the Explorer
Martha Speaks	Sesame Street
Sid the Science Kid	Super Why!
Wild Kratts	Word World

Web Sites for Children

www.pbskids.org
www.funbrain.com
www.thedisneychannel.com
www.starfall.com
www.nickjr.com

Web Sites for Parents

www.rif.org
www.storylineonline.net
www.scholastic.com
www.crayola.com
http://www.naeyc.org/families/early_years
www.proactiveparent.com
www.abouteducation.org



Rhymes & Finger Plays



Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary

Mary, Mary, quite contrary,
How does your garden grow?
With silver bells, and cockle shells,
And pretty maids all in a row.

Star Light, Star Bright

Star light, star bright,
First star I see tonight;
I wish I may, I wish I might,
Have the wish I wish tonight.

This Little Piggy Went To the Market

This little piggy went to market,
This little piggy stayed home,
This little piggy had roast beef,
This little piggy had none,
And this little piggy cried wee wee wee all the way home.

Wee Willie Winkie

Wee Willie Winkie runs through the town,
Up stairs and down stairs in his night-gown,
Tapping at the window, crying through the lock,
Are the children in their bed, for it's past ten o'clock?

Skidamarink

Skidamarink a dink a dink. Skidamarink a doo. I love you. (repeat)
I love you in the morning and in the afternoon.
I love you in the evening and underneath the moon.
Oh, skidamarink a dink a dink. Skidamarink a doo. I love you.

“Rhymers will be readers.”

“...if children know eight nursery rhymes by heart by the time they are four years old, they're usually among the best readers by the time they are eight.” -Mem Fox

A Few Teachable Moments!
Act out a rhyme!
Ask your child...
“What do you think happened next?”



It's Raining, It's Pouring

It's raining; it's pouring.
The old man is snoring.
He went to bed and bumped his head,
And he wouldn't get up in the morning.

I Love You

I love you.
You love me.
We're a happy family.
With a great big hug and a kiss from me to you.
Won't you say you love me too?

Jack and Jill

Jack and Jill went up the hill,
To fetch a pail of water.
Jack fell down and broke his crown,
And Jill came tumbling after.

Jack Be Nimble

Jack be nimble,
Jack be quick,
Jack jump over the candlestick.

Little Bo Peep

Little Bo Peep has lost her sheep,
And doesn't know where to find them;
Leave them alone,
And they'll come home,
Wagging their tails behind them.

For more nursery rhymes go to:

<http://www.zelo.com/family/nursery/index.asp>

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes.html>

Easing Those First Day Jitters!

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3!



1. Read a book about starting school:
Hooray for Pre-K by Ellen B. Senisi
Splat the Cat by Rob Scotton
Tiptoe Into Kindergarten by Jacqueline Rogers
Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come by Nancy Carlson
The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn
2. Be enthusiastic!
3. If one of your child's friends will be starting school soon too, arrange for them to play together.
4. Before school starts, make sure to schedule any necessary appointments with your child's teacher and tour the school.
5. Start a daily routine two weeks before school starts. Make sure your child has a regular bedtime (8:00-8:30 p.m.) and regular meal times.
6. Buy a book bag (without wheels) that is large enough for an 8 1/2" x 11" folder and several picture books. Talk about where you will hang it each day when he/she comes home from school. For safety reasons, put your child's name inside of his/her book bag.
7. Give your child choices. Ask, "Which of these two outfits will you wear on the first day? Which cereal do you want to eat for breakfast?"
8. Let your child know that you will be leaving him/her at school and who will be picking him/her up. Be loving, but firm, when you leave and always say goodbye.
9. Be on time when you drop off or pick up your child. Nothing makes your child happier than to see you waiting for him/her.
10. Practice walking your child to the bus stop. Review bus safety rules: Quiet on the bus, stay in the seat, always bring a book bag, never talk to strangers and always look before crossing the street in front of the bus.



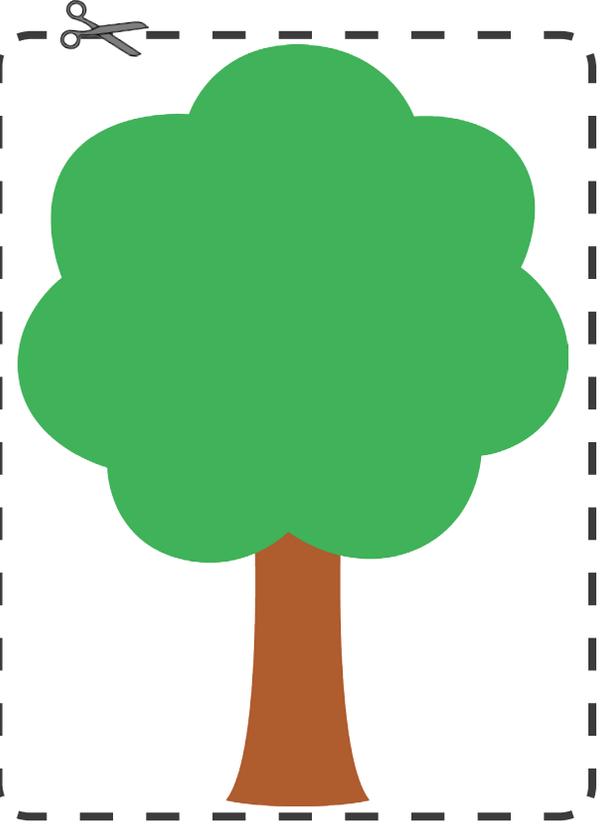
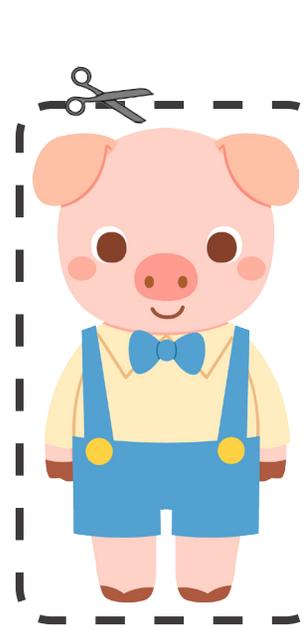
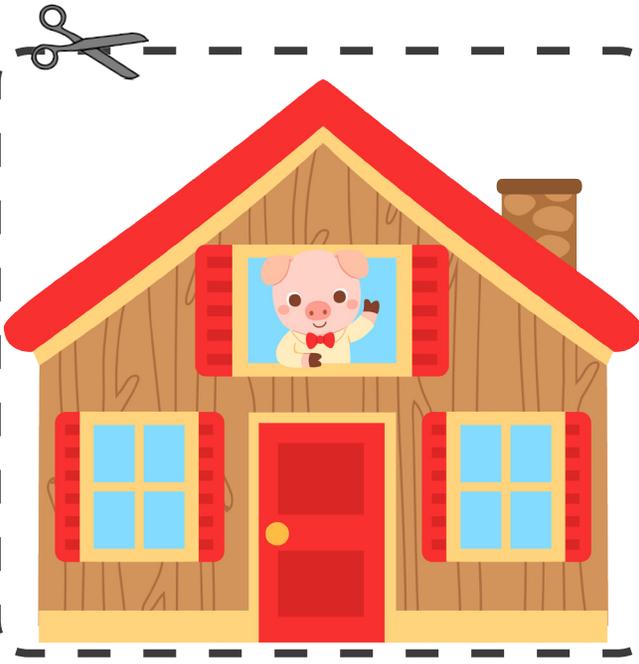
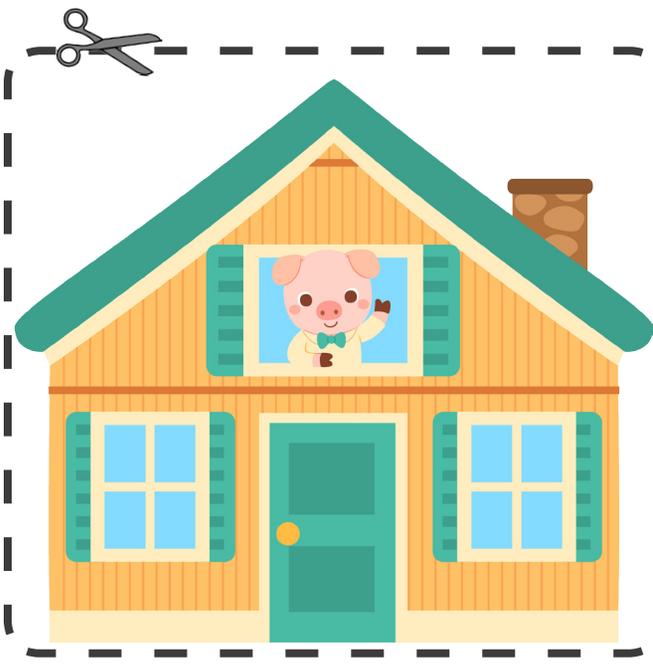
The Three Little Pigs

Instructions:

Cut out the objects on the next page. Use the front cover of this calendar as a mat for retelling the story of *The Three Little Pigs*.

Check out this story at your local Allen County Public Library or visit the following website: <http://youtu.be/QLR2pLUsl-Y>





blue house

red house

green house

tree

wolf

pig 1

pig 2

pig 3