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Ag in the Classroom Book of the Month

SAVING EMMA THE PIG

by John Chester

When Emma the pig arrives at the Apricot Lane Farm, she is about to give birth to piglets. But she is also sick, and after her seventeen babies arrive, Emma is unable to care for them.

Taking care of seventeen piglets and a sick mama pig is a challenge for Farmer John and his team. But the cure for Emma reminds them what is most important—for pigs and for humans: love and friendship. *Saving Emma the Pig* is a heartfelt picture book from John Chester, with gorgeous illustrations from Jennifer L. Meyer



Fun Facts:

- The Biggest Little Farm is a 2018 American documentary film, directed by John Chester. The film profiles the life of Chester and his wife Molly as they acquire and establish themselves on [Apricot Lane Farms in Moorpark, California](#).
- Pigs don't have many sweat glands, so they roll around and sleep in mud and swim in water to keep cool. A bonus to rolling in mud: it helps keep a pig's skin from getting sunburned.
- Pigs have the intelligence of a human toddler and are ranked as the fifth most intelligent animal in the world! In fact, pigs are more intelligent and trainable than any breed of dog.
- Pigs have more than 20 distinct grunts and squeals that have been identified and range from expressing hunger to calling for mates.
- Georgia produces almost 80,000 pigs per year on over 800 farms. Pork contributed more than \$53.2 million in revenue.

Videos:

- [Farm Monitor: TV Chef Lynn Crawford Visits Hog Farm](#)
- [Apricot Lane Farms: Fridays on the Farm— Pigs!](#)
- [Hog Genius | Awesome Animals](#)

Activities:

- [Visit Apricot Lane Farms online to learn more about their farm](#)
- [Make Apricot Lane Farms Lemonade](#)
- Lesson: Pigs on the Farm [K-2](#) and [3-5](#)
- Lesson: [This Little Pig K-2](#)
- Lesson: [Truth or Hogwash? 3-5](#)
- No Bake Recipe: [Turkey Bacon Pinwheels](#) or [Bacon Lettuce Tomato Dip](#)
- [Rocking Paper Plate Pig Crafts for Kids](#)

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