

# An Activity Guide for Bed Hogs

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## Verbal/Linguistic

- Write a story or journal entry that takes place in an imaginary city, like Sooeey, South Dakota, using a different animal or animal family. For example: A family of dogs might live in BowWow, Washington.
- Repetition: Repetition is used in many children's stories. In BED HOGS, the phrase "Ahhh . . . much better!" is repeated several times though out the book. Have students practice writing a story in which a phrase is repeated at least three times.
- List as many rhyming words as you can for the following words: *bed, hog, sty, sleep, pig, fat.*
- Have students make their own "Big Blue Ribbon Ed's Joke Book." Include funny farm jokes and illustrations.



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## Logical/Mathematic

- Use the Bed Hogs to introduce a lesson in subtraction. For example: *6 Hogs take away 1 Hog equals 5 Hogs. (6-1=5)* When there is one hog remaining, begin a sequence of addition problems until there are six hogs again. For example: *1 Hog plus 1 Hog equals 2 Hogs. (1+1=2)* For younger students, this lesson can be demonstrated with counting manipulatives.

## Science

- Check out an age-appropriate book on pigs from the library and/or gather research from the internet. Design a Venn diagram that highlights interesting and fun facts about pigs and hogs.

## Musical/Rhythmic

- Sing the song, SIX IN THE BED:

*There were six in the bed and the little one said,  
"Roll over, roll over!"*

*So they all rolled over and one fell out. There were five in the bed  
and the little one said... (repeat)*

*There was one in the bed and the little one said,  
"Hey, you guys, come back!"*



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## Geography

- For younger students, locate South Dakota on a map. Compare its size and location to your state.
- For older students, study a map of the United States and make a list of real cities whose names are related to animals. For example: Muleshoe, Texas

## Spatial/Visual

- Construct a diorama of the Bed Hogs sty using a shoe box. Use shredded paper or real straw for the bed. Have students make their own hog family out of construction paper or clay.

## Body/Kinesthetic

- Assign dramatic roles and have your students act out all of the scenes from the book as it is read aloud. Students without an assigned role can be members of the chorus who repeat the line, "Ahh . . . much better!" throughout the story.

## Fun In the Kitchen

### BED HOGS IN A BLANKET

- ✓ 1 tube of crescent roll dough
- ✓ 1 package of hot dogs

### Directions:

Cut hot dogs into thirds and microwave for 45 seconds on high. Wrap hot dog pieces in separate crescent roll triangles and bake in the oven until golden brown (~15 minutes at 375 degrees). Serve with ketchup. For extra fun and nutrition, serve your Bed Hogs In A Blanket on a plate of boiled and buttered whole wheat spaghetti noodles.