



Preparing for a Piglet Mindset In-person or Virtual School Visit

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Getting Started- The Online Piglet Mindset Educational Program- PigletMindset.org

- **Lesson plans** on our website to use as a guide
- **PowerPoints** on our website- **Start** with **The Story of Piglet, the deaf blind pink puppy**. There are many others to choose from. Favorites are **Piglet and the Three Senses, Piglet's Inclusion Pack, Piglet Gets a New Sister**, and **Piglet Gets a Baby Brother**.
- **Activities Collection** on our website- integrate thought provoking Piglet Mindset activities into team building, science lessons, journaling, and other hands-on activities

To optimize the impact of our visit, students should be familiar with these key points and terms:

- **What is a Piglet Mindset?** Start with a class discussion to create a Piglet Mindset poster
- **What's so special about Piglet, the deaf blind pink puppy?**
Is it his disabilities or his positive attitude towards his challenges?
Discuss Piglet's challenges and how he manages them.
Ask the students to think of examples in their own lives where they can use a Piglet Mindset to help them be positive like Piglet.
- **Understanding of disability vs ability** and being accepting of others despite differences
- **The 5 senses**- Activities that center around the sense of smell and touch using Piglet and Georgie as examples
- **Rescue topics**- bonus for kids to know a little bit about animal rescue, foster, adopt, and being kind to all animals.
- **Piglet State of Mind headbands** get the students charged up and ready for their Piglet visit. Templates are on the website to print for each student to decorate and wear!

Children's book, **Piglet Comes Home**- a great addition to the program but should not be used in place of our online Piglet Mindset Educational Program materials. The book is not the program!

Piglet Mindset school visits are 45-55 minutes. We discuss Piglet and his Piglet Mindset, Piglet does a tap signal demo, baby brother Georgie comes out to show off a bit, and if time, we have Q and A. We bring/send Piglet stickers and Piglet's Inclusion Pack membership cards for all!