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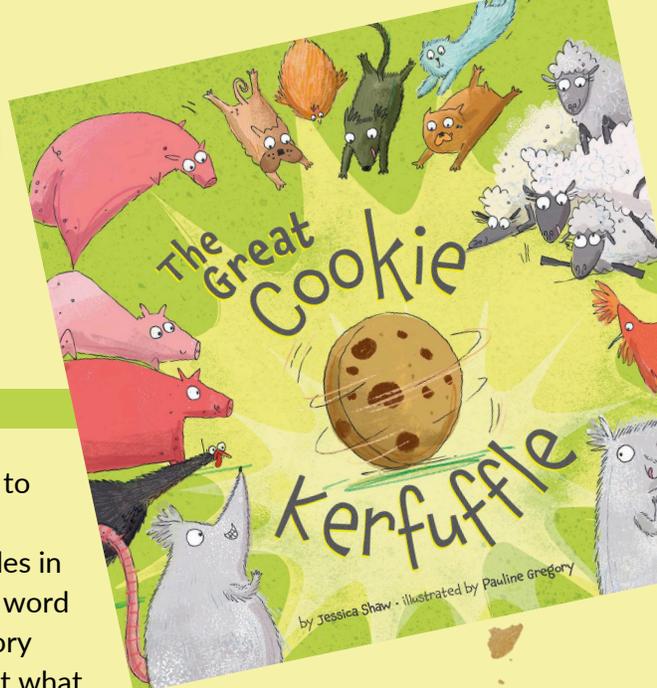# Activity Guide

The Great Cookie Kerfuffle
by Jessica Shaw · illustrated by Pauline Gregory

Learn it

Introduce the word "kerfuffle" - a big commotion! - to children. Teach children the correct pronunciation (kr - fuh - ful). Encourage children to clap the syllables in kr-fuh-ful along with you! Invite children to say the word "kerfuffle" all together and to say the title of the story back to you after you read it. Ask children to predict what kerfuffle might take place in the story before reading.

Make it

Have children draw a barn scene. Encourage children to recall and include different animals they saw in the story. After drawing, ask them to share how many of each type of animal that they chose to include in their barn scene.

Do it

After reading *The Great Cookie Kerfuffle*, tell children to imagine they are on a farm with all of the animals from the story. Call out each different animal name, giving children a few moments to make the animal noise and encourage them to safely move around like that animal.

Talk about it

In *The Great Cookie Kerfuffle*, the story ends with a cuddle-puddle of friends who cared more about each other than all of the cookies in the world. Ask children what it means to be a good friend. Talk about ways they show kindness to friends in the classroom and in their community.

Share it

Share information with other families about the importance of reading early and often to children to help support brain development. Encourage them to sign up for a public library card and use the book *The Great Cookie Kerfuffle* as a common book to share with their children.

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