

## The Hidden Feast: A Folktale from the American South

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### **Outcome:**

The students will learn about farm animals and their characteristics.

### **Materials:**

- “Animal Puppets” worksheet
- Popsicle sticks
- Glue
- Scissors
- Crayons or markers
- Chex type cereal
- Crispy rice cereal
- Sunflower seeds
- Raisins
- Bowl, spoon, napkins

### **About the Book:**

#### Guided Reading:

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#### Lexile Level:

620L

#### Character Traits:

Caring

Fairness

Sharing

#### Region:

USA

#### ISBN:

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### **Instructional Plan**

#### Introduction

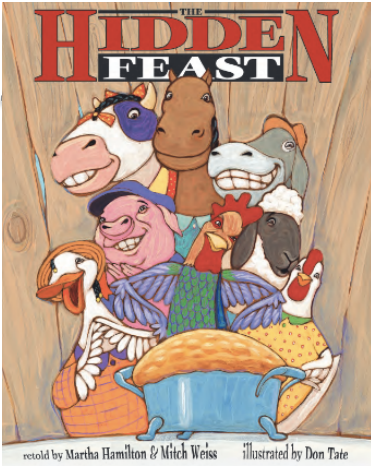
##### Directions:

- Ask students, “Who has visited a farm?” Students tell what they saw on the farm. Ask students to generate a list of farm animals and the sounds they make. Record responses on the board.

#### Teacher Reads the Story

##### Directions:

- As each animal’s name is read for the first time, the students volunteer the make the sound of that animal.



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### **Questions for Assessing Students' Comprehension:**

- Name all of the animals in the book.
- Where are the animals going?
- How did the animals dress for the party?
- What song did the animals sing?
- Why did the rooster leave the party?
- Did the other animals use good manners at the party?
- Name the three desserts.

### **Questions for Interpretation:**

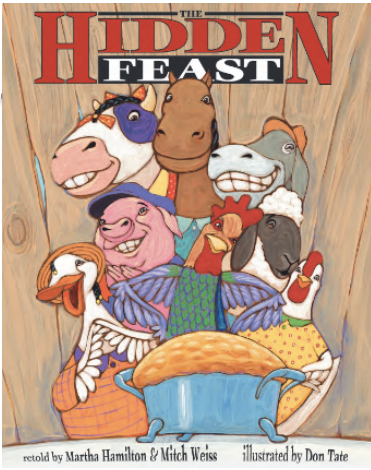
- How did the animals feel when they received their invitation to the party?
- Was it a boring party?
- Why was the chicken the hardest animal to find during hide and seek?
- How did Rooster feel when he realized he missed such a tasty meal?
- Have you ever invited a friend over to your house and that friend did not behave well?

### **Follow Up Activities:**

#### **"Animal Puppets" Worksheet**

##### **Directions:**

- Color and cut out characters from the worksheet. Glue a Popsicle to the back of the character to create a puppet.
- Sing "Old MacDonald's Farm" and have students hold up their puppet when singing the verse about their animal.
- Sing familiar songs such as "Happy Birthday" by using just animal sounds. Children hold up their puppet when they hear the sound their animal makes.
- Students use the puppets to play act animals interacting with each other and using good manners.



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### Follow Up Activities:

#### Chicken Feed

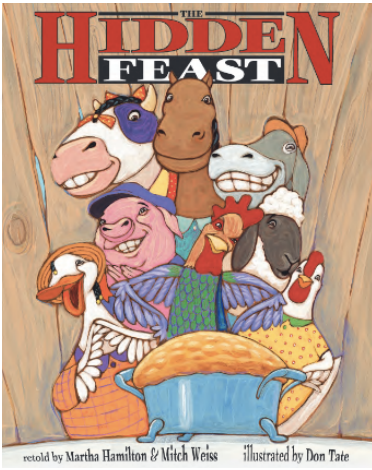
##### Directions:

- Mix equal parts Chex type cereal, sunflower seeds, Crispy rice cereal, and raisins in a bowl. Serve in a bowl with spoon and napkin. Enjoy!

#### Rhyming Sentences

##### Directions:

- Teacher read aloud, stressing the word in bold; students finish the sentence with a rhyming word:
  - The tiny **mouse** went in the...
  - The little **duck** had good...
  - The baby **seal** at his...
  - A black **bat** flew by a...
  - Bees **dive** in their...
  - The big **bear** broke Goldilocks'...
  - The puppy **chews** on my new...
  - The Billy **goat** sails on a...
  - The little **moth** at all the...
  - My little **duck** rode in a...
  - The cold little **kittens** wore their...
  - I found a brown **snake** in the...
  - Catch a **fox** and put him in a...
  - The fluffy **sheep** rode in a...
  - The dog will **bark** when it gets...
  - We bought a **bunny** with our...
  - The **raccoon** ate soup with a...
  - The bird **flew** right by...



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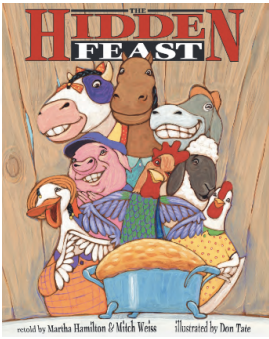
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### **Follow Up Activities:**

#### **Part-Whole Relationships**

##### **Directions:**

- Animals have different parts of their bodies just like people. Name some body parts that people have.
- Teacher name a part of an animal and the student answers with which animal has that part.
- Most of the parts are common on several different animals.
  - A wing is part of a...
  - A hoof is part of a...
  - A beak is part of a...
  - A tail is part of a...
  - Claws are part of a...
  - Webbed feet are part of a...
  - Feathers are part of a...
  - A mane is part of a...
  - A woolly coat is part of a...
  - A comb is part of a...
  - Horns are part of a...



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**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

## Animal Puppets



Pig



Goat



Horse



Frog



Rooster



Chicken



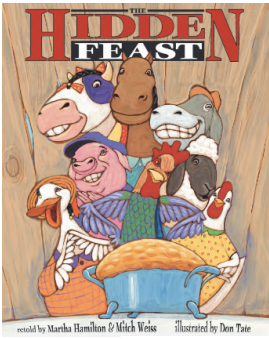
Cow



Wolf



Donkey



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Hawk



Duck



Lamb



Woodpecker



Fly



Ant



Bat



Rabbit



Dove



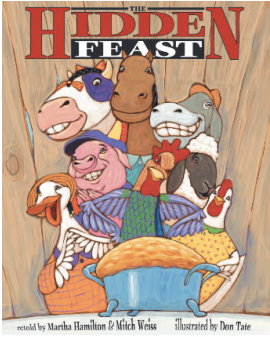
Lion



Bear



Dog



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Cat



Mouse



Water  
Buffalo